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**Saints legend's message to Roy Hodgson ahead of crunch England clash...**

STAR MAN:  
Ex-Saint  
Theo Walcott.

**... 'THEO  
MUST  
START'**

**TERRY Paine believes former Saints winger Theo Walcott must start for England in their Euro 2012 quarter-final against Italy tomorrow.**

Paine reckons the inclusion of the Arsenal man in place of James Milner will increase the country's chances of reaching the semi-finals

"two-fold".

Writing in his exclusive *Sports Pink* column, legendary former Saints ace Paine, pictured right, said: "To give us the best chance of reaching the Euro 2012 semi-finals, Theo Walcott has to start for England against Italy.

"Providing he is fit – and there have been concerns about his hamstring – Walcott's inclusion in place of the hardworking James Milner would improve our chances two-fold in Kiev.

"I think Milner's been horrendous so

far. I've never thought he was an England player, despite his impressive work-rate.

"Theo proved when he came on against Sweden how effective he can be.

"He can't do more than score the equaliser and set up the winner."

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## Unenviable record...

WHEN England face Italy in the Euro 2012 quarter-finals in Kiev on Sunday, it will be the first time the two sides have met in 10 years.

England have a far from impressive record against the Italians, picking up just one victory in the last five meetings.

**February 12 1997 - England 0 Italy 1**  
(at Wembley)

England were missing Arsenal regulars David Seaman and Tony Adams from their defensive line through injuries, but Saints ace Matt Le Tissier was recalled.

England started the game well but were dealt a nightmare blow when former Chelsea striker Gianfranco Zola scored against the run of play after just nine minutes.

Zola's goal was enough to separate the teams and was the first time England had been beaten at Wembley in World Cup competition.

**June 4 1997 - England 2 Italy 0**  
(at the Stade de la Beaujoire)

The England team lined up against Italy in their first game of the Tournoi de France. The tournament was a warm-up for the World Cup finals the following year in France.

After the disappointing home loss to Italy in the World Cup qualifying, the comfortable 2-0 victory over the Azzuri went a long way to increase confidence amongst the England squad.

Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes was the star man with a goal and a superb assist for Ian Wright.

**October 11 1997 - Italy 0 England 0**  
(at the Stadio Olimpico)

This was the crucial match between the two nations in deciding automatic qualification for the 1998 World Cup. If England could avoid defeat in Rome they would seal qualification and Italy would be consigned to the play-offs.

England produced a truly professional performance and many will remember the iconic image of Paul Ince playing with a blood-stained bandage around his head.

As Italian tempers flared Angelo Di Livio was sent off and England held out for the draw.

Current England manager Roy Hodgson was a member of Hoddle's backroom staff and heralded the draw in Rome as one of England's greatest achievements.

**November 15 2000 - Italy 1 England 0**  
(at the Delle Alpi)

This was Peter Taylor's first, and only, game in charge for England and one in which a very youthful team was employed.

The attitude taken by Taylor was to experiment with his team for friendlies whereas the Italians fielded a near enough full strength side.

England were denied a penalty when it appeared Gennaro Gattuso lashed out at David Beckham.

Moments later Gattuso scored the only goal in the encounter with a superb strike from long range.

**March 27 2002 - England 1 Italy 2**  
(at Elland Road)

Eriksson slipped to his second defeat at the helm of the Three Lions following a last minute penalty from Italian striker Vincenzo Montella.

Eriksson was forced to experiment with his line-up following a number of injuries.

England took the lead on the hour mark when Robbie Fowler stabbed the ball past Gianluigi Buffon.

Montella equalised with a fabulous strike minutes later.

In stoppage time David James brought down Massimo Maccarone and Montella converted the spot kick.

## Euro 2012 – England v Italy preview ... Euro 2012

### The history of England's penalty agony ...

**July 4, 1990**  
World Cup semi-final, Italy  
West Germany 1 England 1 (aet)  
England lost 4-3 on penalties  
England penalties: Gary Lineker (scored), Peter Beardsley (scored), David Platt (scored), Stuart Pearce (missed), Chris Waddle (missed).

**July 22, 1996**  
European Championship quarter-final, England  
Spain 0 England 0 (aet)  
England won 4-2 on penalties  
England penalties: Alan Shearer (scored), David Platt (scored), Stuart Pearce (scored), Paul Gascoigne (scored).

**July 26, 1996**  
European Championship semi-final, England  
Germany 1 England 1 (aet)  
England lost 6-5 on penalties  
England penalties: Alan Shearer (scored), David Platt (scored), Stuart Pearce (scored), Paul Gascoigne (scored), Teddy

**CUP GRIEF: Gareth Southgate reflects on his Euro 96 miss.**

Sheringham (scored), Gareth Southgate (missed).

**30 June, 1998**  
Argentina 2 England 2 (aet)  
England lost 4-3 on penalties  
England penalties: Alan Shearer (scored), Paul Ince (missed), Paul Merson (scored), Michael Owen (scored), Gareth Batty (missed).

**24 June, 2004**  
Portugal 2 England 2 (aet)  
England lost 6-5 on penalties  
England penalties: Michael Owen (scored), Frank Lampard (scored), John Terry (scored), Owen Hargreaves (scored), Ashley Cole (scored), Darius Vassell (missed).

**1 July, 2006**  
England 0 Portugal 0 (aet)  
England lost 3-1 on penalties  
England penalties: Frank Lampard (missed), Owen Hargreaves (scored), Steven Gerrard (missed), Jamie Carragher (missed).

# A SPOT OF PRACTICE

### ROY HODGSON intends to step up penalty practice ahead of England's Euro 2012 quarter-final with Italy.

England have crashed out of major tournaments on spot-kicks on five occasions in the last 22 years, a run that dates back to that devastating World Cup semi-final defeat to Germany in 1990, *writes DAVID CLOUGH.*

Only once during that time have the Three Lions been successful, when they overcame Spain at the last eight stage of Euro 96.

Little wonder Hodgson wants his players to get their eye in, even though he is not entirely convinced what good it will do.

#### Serious

"We have used the time after training sessions to regularly practise and we'll obviously take it even more seriously now," said Hodgson.

"You hope one day it will make a big difference.

"But you can practise penalty shoot-outs until the cows come home, it's really your composure, your confidence, your ability to really block everything out and forget the occasion that means you score or don't.

"Sometimes we've seen the best players miss and the ones you think are not penalty takers are the

ones that smash them in."

A quick look at England's squad triggers more cause for concern.

Of those who started Tuesday's win over co-hosts Ukraine, only Steven Gerrard and Wayne Rooney are regular penalty-takers for their clubs.

And both have had periods where they have found the task of scoring from 12 yards somewhat difficult.

In 2004 Gerrard missed a penalty against Fulham that cost Liverpool their place in the Champions League.



### PENALTY SHOOT-OUTS – HOW OUR MAJOR RIVALS HAVE FARED ...

#### GERMANY

The Germans lost their first ever penalty shoot-out, against Czechoslovakia in the final of the 1976 European Championships, but have won their last five.

They beat France 5-4 in the 1982 World Cup semi-final, beat Mexico 4-1 in the 1986 World Cup, beat England 4-3 in the 1990 World Cup semi-final, beat England 6-5 in the Euro 96 semi-finals, and beat Argentina 4-2 in the 2006 World Cup.

#### PORTUGAL

Have only ever competed in two

shoot-outs, and won them both – both against England. They knocked Sven-Goran Eriksson's side out of the 2004 European Championships and the World Cup two years later.

#### SPAIN

The Spanish have won three and lost three of their major international tournament shoot-outs. They beat Denmark 5-4 1984, lost to Belgium 5-4 1986, lost to England 4-2 1996, beat Republic of Ireland 3-2 2002, lost to South Korea 5-3 2002, beat Italy 4-2 2008

#### FRANCE

Like Spain, they have won three and lost three shoot-outs. Lost to West Germany 5-4 1982, beat Brazil 4-3 1986, beat Netherlands 5-4 1996, lost to Czech Republic 6-5 1996, beat Italy 4-3 1998, lost to Italy 5-3 2006.

#### ITALY

The Italians lost their first four shoot-outs, including the 1994 World Cup final against Brazil.

Lost to Czechoslovakia 9-8 1980, lost to Argentina 4-3 1990, lost to Brazil 3-2 1994, lost to France 4-3 1998, beat Netherlands 3-1 2000, beat France 5-3 2006, lost to Spain 4-2 2008.

thing of a national obsession.

"It's going to be that way because we've lost important matches on penalties," said Hodgson.

"When you are working with the England national team the past is always going to weigh heavily because everything we do today is being compared with something that went before.

"Unfortunately we have lost two very important semi-finals on penalties so I presume that's going to be there during all my time as national coach.

"Probably when a national coach comes 20 years hence he will be asked the same question as well."

**WHY IT'S ALWAYS MARIO - AND MICHEL'S A 'PLATTITE' - SEE PAGE 5**



# Euro 2012 – England v Italy preview ... Euro 2012

**AHEAD of England's Euro 2012 quarter-final clash with Italy on Sunday, The Sports Pink looks at the Italians likely to play a significant role.**

## ANDREA BARZAGLI

The Juventus defender missed the first two matches with a calf problem but played against Ireland and with Giorgio Chiellini injured has a key role at the back, having been instrumental

at club level this season.

## DANIELE DE ROSSI

The Roma midfielder opened the tournament in central defence, where he excelled against Spain, before returning to his preferred role further upfield. Passing ability means he is pivotal to offensive operations.

## ANDREA PIRLO

He may be 33 but Italy are a differ-

ent side with him in midfield, highlighted by his man-of-the-match display against Spain. Alongside De Rossi brings invaluable experience and is an inspirational figure.

## ANTONIO CASSANO

The Milan striker has been short of his top form but has been Italy's best forward at the tournament so far. Utilises his power to greatest effect and poses some aerial threat, as

shown by his goal against Eire.

## MARIO BALOTELLI

The Manchester City striker's form has been as erratic as his behaviour, ranging from bad to brilliant in three matches. He started the group phase by missing a straightforward chance in their opener against Spain and ended it with an expertly-taken volley after coming on as substitute against the Republic of Ireland.

# Why a big Hart can make all the difference

**DAVID Seaman believes Joe Hart is on the road to greatness – and backed him to become only the second England goalkeeper to win a penalty shootout.**

Hart has revealed he would be willing to take a spot-kick if England's Euro 2012 quarter-final against Italy goes all the way to penalties.

But Seaman, who was in goal when England beat Spain in a quarter-final shoot-out at Euro 96, expects Hart to shine with the gloves.

"He can become great," Seaman said. "He is having a great tournament.

"It is a massive game on Sunday. It is going to be tight. If you look at both teams, defensively they have both been good.

"England are slowly improving and hopefully we can continue that into Sunday night, whether we win 1-0 or penalties.

"I would love him to be the



DAVID SEAMAN

next England goalkeeper to win a penalty shootout."

Seaman, the new goalkeeping coach at Wembley FC, believes Hart's biggest quality is his attitude.

"The first thing I look for is how a goalkeeper reacts after a mistake. Joe does it positively," Seaman said.

"He has had a great season with Manchester City. What we have seen so far is a massive improvement."

Seaman's former England and Arsenal team-mate Ray Parlour believes Hart could end up being the difference in Sunday's showdown with the Azzurri.

"It will be a cagey game. I can see it going to extra time and penalties. After David we haven't really had a top-class goalkeeper," Parlour said.

"Now they have a real top-quality goalkeeper in Joe Hart. Maybe he is the difference in a penalty shootout."

Parlour's expectations before the tournament were low and he is already satisfied with a quarter-final appearance.

But Seaman feels England are beginning to gain momentum, which is such a vital ingredient in tournament football.

"Winning when you know you can play better is a massive boost," Seaman said.

"The main thing for me is there is a slow progression and it is heading into the right place."

## Channon points the way for Rooney

**WAYNE Rooney will be hoping to emulate Saints legend Mick Channon when England take on Italy this weekend for a place in the semi-finals of Euro 2012.**

England have a fairly poor record against the Italians, having won just two of their last 11 meetings and winning just twice.

They have never beaten them in the finals of a major tournament, having lost a third place play-off game 2-1 in the 1990 World Cup and also losing a European Championships group game in Turin a decade earlier.

But Channon knows what it's like to play for England in a winning side against Italy.

What's more, he is the last England player to score twice in an international against them.

Channon's performance came



MICK CHANNON

in the unlikely surroundings of the Yankee Stadium, New York, just a few weeks after he had helped Saints lift the FA Cup.

Then a regular in the national team despite the fact he was playing for a Second Division club, Channon lined up against Italy in a Bicentennial Cup game.

The tournament, which also featured the host country and Brazil, was organised to celebrate 200 years of American independence.

England quickly fell 2-0 down against Italy in New York, but struck back with three goals in eight minutes at the start of the second period to win 3-2.

Channon reduced the arrears and, after Phil Thompson had levelled for Don Revie's men, Channon grabbed the winner.

England have only beaten Italy twice since – 2-0 at Wembley in a World Cup qualifier in 1977 and 2-0 in a Le Tournoi friendly in France 20 years later.

Back in 1976, Brazil won the Bicentennial tournament, winning all three games including beating England 1-0.

England finished second, ex-Saint Kevin Keegan scoring twice in a 3-1 win against the USA, whose side included, bizarrely, England World Cup winner Bobby Moore and Pele!

**MORE ON ENGLAND'S EURO HOPES - SEE PAGES 4 AND 5**



## Sports Quiz

- 1 Liverpool signed midfielder Alberto Aquilani from which club?
- 2 France striker Olivier Giroud plays for which club?
- 3 Les Kiss is a coach for Ireland at which sport?
- 4 England bowler Tim Bresnan plays cricket for which county?
- 5 Tennis player Agnieszka Radwanska is from which country?
- 6 Which Danish club did Liverpool sign Daniel Agger from?
- 7 Muttiah Muralitharan is playing t20 cricket for which county this season?
- 8 Olympic champion Ben Ainslie is a leading name in which sport?
- 9 Where is Kensington Oval cricket ground?
- 10 Who is head coach of the Australia rugby union team?
- 11 Which city will host the third and final Test of England's tour of South Africa this weekend?
- 12 Prior to their Euro 2012 meeting in Donetsk, who had scored England's last goal against Ukraine?
- 13 With which Olympic sport would you associate Lutalo Muhammad?
- 14 What is the nickname of Florida's Major League Baseball franchise?
- 15 From which club did Newcastle sign midfielder Yohan Cabaye, below?
- 16 Which Ligue 1 club did Laurent



Blanc manage before taking charge of France?

17 Valencia has hosted the European Grand Prix since 2008. On which circuit did the 2007 European Grand Prix take place?

18 This year's Tour de France will start in which country?

19 Which South American city is home to rivals Boca Juniors and River Plate?

20 Which borough of New York do baseball's New York Yankees call home?

21 Who earlier this month became the youngest player ever to appear at a football European Championship?

22 Eric Boullier is principal of which Formula One team?

23 In which year did Pete Sampras win the last of his seven Wimbledon men's singles titles?

24 Who scored New Zealand's only try in last year's Rugby World Cup final?

25 What is the nickname of Miami's Major League Baseball team?

26 For which World Rally Championship team does Dani Sordo drive?

27 Scotland international Stephen Crainey plays for which English club?

28 Who is the manager of npower League One club Bury?

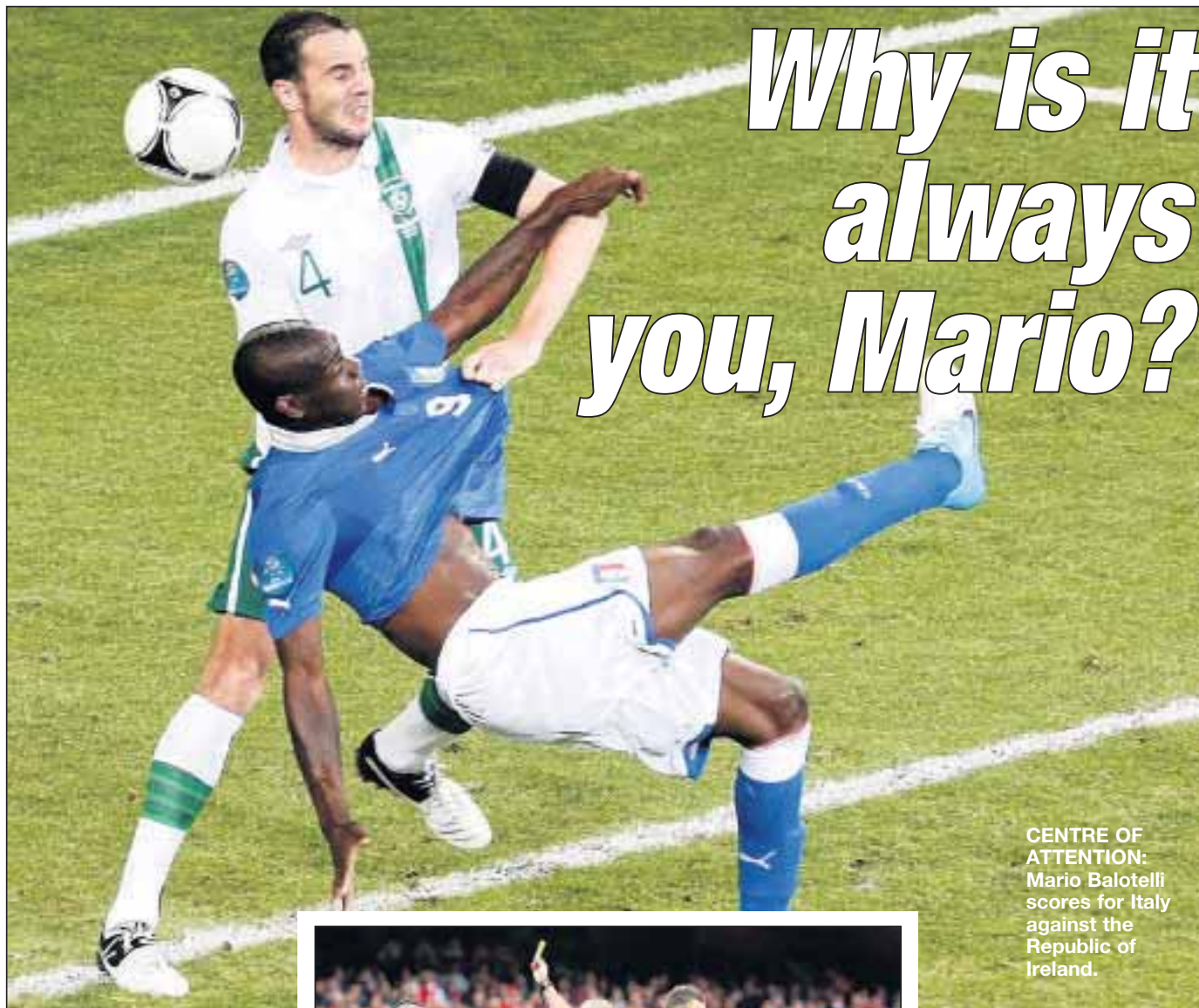
29 Clarence Seedorf has won the Champions League with which three clubs?

30 Winger Danny Williams plays for which Stobart Super League club?

## ANSWERS

- 1 Roma; 2 Montpellier; 3 Rugby union; 4
- 5 Poland; 6 Borussia Dortmund; 7
- 8 Southampton; 9 Blackburn Rovers; 10
- 11 Tottenham Hotspur; 12 John Terry (April 2009); 13
- 14 The Mariners; 15 Lieke Martens; 16
- 17 Borussia Dortmund; 18 Tottenham Hotspur; 19
- 20 Queens Park Rangers; 21
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# Euro 2012 – England v Italy preview ... Euro 2012



# Why is it always you, Mario?

**CENTRE OF ATTENTION:** Mario Balotelli scores for Italy against the Republic of Ireland.

## 'WHY always me?'

When Mario Balotelli lifted his jersey to reveal that famous T-shirt during Manchester City's 6-1 win at Old Trafford, he all but wrote his own epitaph, **writes BEN RUMSBY.**

Balotelli will not be remembered as one of humanity's great philosophers and his grasp of English is so poor that it would be easy to dismiss that T-shirt as little more than a soundless primal scream.

But, intentional or not, 'Why always me?' has provided as perfect an insight as there has been into the man who could wreck England's European Championship hopes on Sunday.

That the Italy enigma could just as easily destroy his own country's semi-final chances has given manager Cesare Prandelli a real dilemma about whether to start him in Kiev.

Prandelli dropped him from the starting line-up for Monday's decisive Group C match against Republic of Ireland, the 21-year-old responding with the combustible combination of brilliance and petulance that makes him so compelling.

Paul Gascoigne's name inevitably comes to mind ahead of England and Italy's first match at a major finals since the 1990 World Cup.

And while Wayne Rooney has long been dubbed Gascoigne's heir



**FLASHPOINT:** Balotelli is sent off for Manchester City last April.

apparent – even assuming the nickname 'Wazza' – it is Balotelli who better demonstrates the childishness and self-destructiveness that characterised the former England talisman's career.

Like Gascoigne, a legend has developed around Balotelli, who has become as famous for his off-field antics as his exploits on the pitch.

Truth and fiction have become blurred to such a degree that it is hard to remember whether Balotelli really did drive around Manchester in a blue Santa Claus hat and if his bathroom really was set alight by a firework let off by

one of his friends.

Like Gascoigne, he has become a loveable rogue in the eyes of English football fans.

But, like Gascoigne, Italians are far more concerned about a perceived lack of professionalism.

Balotelli may put bums on seats but he also tests the patience of managers and team-mates to distraction.

City boss Roberto Mancini declared after his sending-off at Arsenal in April that he was 'finished' with the striker, while Prandelli has told the maverick star he risked alienating the rest of the Italy squad if he does not learn

to accept being dropped when he is not playing well.

Italian colleague Daniele De Rossi could not have summed up the mixed feelings towards him better.

Asked about the 'scandals' that have dogged Balotelli since his move to England, De Rossi said: "Mario and his tabloids issue? Ask him."

"I don't know if he's bothered, or maybe he is just feeding them too much."

"Of course, sometimes, he commits some mistakes off the pitch. But it's his responsibility."

"He simply has to accept the manager's decision."

De Rossi all but admitted playing Balotelli on Sunday would be a gamble from a disciplinary point of view.

He said: "He's a great player, so if he wants to grow, he has to know how to react to this situation."

England will also have mixed feelings about whether or not they would prefer to face an Italy side spearheaded by Balotelli.

At his very best, he is unplayable, and he showed a glimpse of what he was capable on Monday night.

At his worst, he is a red card waiting to happen, his reaction to scoring against Ireland demonstrating he could explode at any time.

So, regardless of whether – or how – he plays, Sunday's game will probably end up being all about Mario Balotelli.



# England v Italy preview ... Euro 2012 – England

**IF UEFA president Michel Platini had been in England in the early 19th Century, he would doubtless have stood shoulder to shoulder with Ned Ludd.**

Wrecking the mechanised looms and stocking frames. Cursing the new cotton mills. Doing all in his power to hold back the technological advances which were so crucial to the industrial revolution, writes **FRANK MALLEY**.

That is, in effect, what Platini is doing with his head-in-the-sand opposition to technology in football.

He is intent on holding back footballing reform which is as essential as it is inevitable.

What is wrong with doing everything technologically possible to ensure the right decisions are made in a football match?

What is wrong with replacing the two quaintly named additional assistant referees at either end of the pitch in Euro 2012 and the Europa League, most of whom could not do less if they were made of stone, with video technology which is guaranteed to within a nano-doubt of getting every call right?

True, if such goal-line technology had been employed on Tuesday night then Ukraine would have been awarded an equaliser when Marko Devic's shot clearly crossed the line before being hooked away by John Terry.

And, who knows, buoyed by such an adrenaline boost and roared on by the home crowd, Ukraine might even have found the verve to go on to win and send England home.

We will never know.

What we do know is that an injustice was perpetuated in front of hundreds of million of viewers, all of whom knew within seconds of the incident that the additional assistant referee in question required a trip to his optician.

## Time to take your head out of the sand, Michel

How did Platini, below, attempt to justify his opposition to technology rectifying such a situation? "Goal-line tech-

nology isn't a problem," he said. "The problem is the arrival of technology because, after, you'll need technology for deciding handballs and then for offside decisions and so on.

"It'll be like that forever and ever. It'll never stop. That's the problem I have."

So let's recap. Platini does not want to guarantee the right calls on goal-line decisions because it might lead to even more right calls in other areas of the pitch.

With logic like that he will go far.

Unfortunately, the chances are it will be right to the top of the game considering he is the favourite to succeed Sepp Blatter as president of FIFA.

To be fair to Platini, his concern is based around the fear that too many stoppages would disrupt the fluidity which is one of the most beautiful and appealing aspects of the world's most popular game.

Yet that simply would not apply to hair-line goal-line decisions which are crucial but relatively infrequent.

Offside scrutiny would not be that intrusive, either, if only debatable goals were checked after the game had stopped and perhaps with the challenge system which works so well in tennis.

There is nothing wrong with change.

Change is good, especially when justice is seen to be done.

Especially if it consigned to history forever embarrassments such as Frank Lampard's disallowed yard-across-the-line 'goal' against Germany in the last World Cup.

Heaven knows, football has enough success stories to persuade it to dip its toe into the technology pool.

Tennis, cricket and rugby have all been enhanced by video refereeing.

There is more drama, more interaction with fans, more respect, less pressure on officials, who so often are a figure of contempt in football having become the whipping boys for players and spectators alike.

It is time to take unnecessary heat off officials. It is time to do away with the additional assistant referees and employ some additional common-sense.

It is time Platini, who was top goal-scorer for France and player of the tournament in Euro 1984, began to display the imagination as a football administrator that he did so often as a player – and time he stopped acting like Ned Ludd.



**OVER THE LINE:** John Terry makes a spectacular goalline clearance against Ukraine, but the ball had crossed the line.

## Ex-Saint Rofe joins Cherries

**CHERRIES** manager Paul Groves has brought in ex-Saints coach Dennis Rofe.

Rofe, who occupied various capacities on the Saints back-room staff during three separate spells, has joined the Dorset club as their new first-team coach.

The 62-year-old brings a wealth of experience to Dean Court, working alongside new boss Groves and his assistant Shaun Brooks.

Groves had made no secret of his desire to enhance his management structure and highly-decorated coach Rofe appears to fit the bill perfectly.

Hampshire-based Rofe is understood to have been tempted away by Groves from his position as regional youth development officer for the Football League.

In a 16-year playing career, Rofe made around 550 appearances for Orient, Leicester, Chelsea and Southampton and was also capped at under-23 level by England.

A £112,000 move from Orient to Leicester in 1972 saw him become the most expensive full-



**FLASHBACK:** Dennis Rofe, front left, leads Saints training in 1989.

back in British football, Rofe going on to play 290 games for the Foxes.

His first coaching appointment came in 1984 under Chris Nicholl at Southampton before he took over as manager at Bristol Rovers seven years later.

A brief stint at Stoke saw him take the reserve team reins before a return to Southampton as youth team coach was followed by Rofe joining the back-room staff at Fulham.

Rofe rejoined Southampton for a third spell in April 1998, progressing from Academy coach to reserve team coach and then first-team coach, under Stuart Gray in March 2001.

He served Saints as first-team coach and assistant boss as the club had a rapid turnover of managers and was alongside Gordon Strachan when Saints reached the FA Cup final in 2003.

Dismissed following George Burley's appointment in December 2005, Rofe worked in national and local radio as a match summariser before taking up a post with the Football League where his path will have crossed with Groves and Brooks while they were in the youth ranks at Dean Court.

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## Non-league News

### Lyndhurst green light

LYNDHURST, one of the county's oldest football clubs, have been accepted into the Magnata Care Hampshire League 2004 for next season.

And with ground improvements taking place, the New Forest outfit anticipate exciting times ahead.

After six seasons playing at county level, Lyndhurst were forced to withdraw from competitive football mid-way through the 2010/11 campaign.

But the club who, like Saints, were formed in 1885, made a fresh start last year and competed in the Southampton Saturday Football League.

It proved a highly successful comeback with Lyndhurst finishing fourth in the Senior Division and beating Cadnam 2-1 in the Southampton League Cup final.

As an added bonus deadly finisher Wade Wilson banged in 30 goals to finish leading scorer in the top two divisions of the league.

Pre-season training will be at the club's Wellands Road base on Tuesdays and Thursdays (6.30pm), starting on June 26.

Lyndhurst are extending an open invitation to any potential new signings to go along.

They would also like to hear from volunteers willing to lend a hand with painting, mowing, brick laying or just making a cup of tea.

For more details contact vice-chairman Mike Thomas on 07779 031060.

Lyndhurst are one of two new additions to the Hampshire League 2004 along with Forest Town FC.

Leaving the league are Portsmouth Royal Navy, Botley Village, Fair Oak and Horndean United.

Basingstoke-based company Magnata Care Limited will sponsor the league for a third season.

### Romans pull out

BRADING Town have withdrawn from the Sydenhams Wessex League due to the ever increasing cost of travelling to the mainland.

The Romans finished a best ever fourth in the Premier Division two seasons ago but, having lost their manager and several star players to Island rivals Newport IOW, were relegated at the end of last season.

They were placed in a provisional 17-strong Division One line-up for 2012/13, but they have opted to pull out ahead of Thursday's AGM.

A club statement said: "Brading Town has reluctantly decided to withdraw its team from the Sydenhams Wessex League.

"This is due to the ever increasing cost of mainland travel and league administration fees, which makes it unviable to continue in the present economic climate.

"This decision has been widely supported within the club.

"Brading will re-enter Wessex League football at some stage in the near future as and when the current financial climate improves."

Brading joined the newly-established Division Two of the Wessex League in 2004/05 and had been members of the Premier Division since 2006/07.

They will now concentrate on Isle of Wight football.

# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



## Italy game too soon for Roo

WAYNE Rooney was awful against Ukraine and I fear he needs more than that game to get back to his best.

Some players get very 'stuffy' after time off and Wayne's one of those who needs more game time than most to get back his match sharpness.

He was so rusty on Wednesday night, his first touch was well short of what was required. Really good players still contribute when they are below par and he did that with his goal.

His general play will be better against Italy and hopefully it will be good enough. But his performance against Ukraine showed once again that being very sharp in training is not the same as being match sharp.

• ITALY'S manager has a massive decision to make regarding Mario Balotelli.

To start or not to start?

Italy have other threats of their own. Andrea Pirlo's outstanding and one of the best midfielders at Euro 2012 and Antonio Di Natale's also caught my eye – as he did playing for Udinese against Arsenal in the Champions League last year.

But what interests me is whether Italy manager Cesare Prandelli will start with Mario Balotelli – a player England know all about.

They'll try to work him over but can Prandelli trust the Manchester City striker?

• UKRAINIANS will remember Euro 2012 for being the last major tournament of Andrei Shevchenko's remarkable career.

'Shev's' contribution to the Ukraine has been one of loyalty and sacrifice. Despite persistent knee and back problems he has still managed to win 111 caps, scoring 48 goals.

He regularly scored 20 a season for AC Milan and his value was underlined when he scored twice to help the co-hosts beat Sweden in their opening game.

His request to play one more game to say thank you to his fellow countrymen will, I'm sure, be granted by the Ukraine FA.



WAYNE ROONEY



**THEO MUST START:** Ex-Saint Walcott scores against Sweden after coming on as a sub.

**TO give us the best chance of reaching the Euro 2012 semi-finals, Theo Walcott has to start for England against Italy.**

Providing he is fit – and there have been concerns about his hamstring – Walcott's inclusion in place of the hardworking James Milner would improve our chances two-fold in Kiev.

I think Milner's been horrendous. I've never thought he was an England player, despite his

impressive work-rate.

He and Danny Welbeck tired considerably during the second half against Ukraine and I was amazed Roy Hodgson left bringing on subs as long as he did.

They looked out on their feet! I was screaming for Theo and Andy Carroll to come on with 35 minutes to go and I think they should both start against the Italians.

The way England are playing they're not getting the best out of Welbeck.

Physically, with England playing so deep, I don't think he's strong

enough to hold it up.

For me, the biggest fault is we can't retain possession which we've never been able to do as well as other countries.

But the lack of a threat from Milner on the right is a concern. Apart from when Steven Gerrard gets out there, there's absolutely nothing coming from the right.

With Glen Johnson very rarely getting forward from right-back into the last third, we've looked a little lopsided.

It's not as if Theo can't do that job.

I'm a great admirer and not just because we are both former Southampton wingers.

Theo proved when he came on against Sweden how effective he can be.

He can't do more than score the equaliser and set up the winner!

He could be used to greater effect because that speed is a fear factor for defenders.

I've also had reservations about Ashley Young on the left as I'm never keen on right-footers continually cutting in on to their favoured side. I believe it favours defenders.



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LUKA MODRIC

## Mod has not rocked at the Euros

LUKA Modric has not lived up to his billing as Croatia's brilliant playmaker.

Croatia manager Slavan Bilic described Modric as a "genius" at Euro 2008 and that tournament certainly marked him down as a promising player.

Signing for Spurs from Dinamo Zagreb later that summer allowed him the platform – once Harry Redknapp arrived – to show off his undoubted ability.

But that was four seasons ago and he is yet to achieve club success, scoring 17 goals in 159 matches. It was Bilic who said only Kaka is better. Perhaps it was a label too great to live up to.

Modric's Euro 2012 performances have been adequate and Croatia may have been a little unfortunate to be drawn in the

same group as Spain and Italy.

Now they are out of the tournament, Modric may well be considering his future now Redknapp, his mentor, has left.

● **ALTHOUGH** Italy will be tough opponents for England, they are preferable quarter-final opponents to Spain tonight!

They say the ball never gets tired and England would never get it against the Spanish – we'd be knackered!

For all Spain's outfield brilliance, they need a top goalkeeper to win the tournament and they have one in Iker Casillas.

His record of 76 clean sheets from 134 appearances shows that, as did his performance against Croatia on Monday, when he came to the rescue as Sergio Ramos and Gerard Pique began to waver.

Casillas' experience will be crucial if Spain are to retain their title.

Playing at his seventh major finals after his debut 12 years ago, perhaps his greatest moment came in Vienna four years ago, when he denied Italy in a penalty shoot-out.

Spain went on to lift their first major trophy in 44 years, laying the foundations of their 2010 World Cup success.

Casillas' teammate David Silva has also caught my eye, stamping his authority alongside Iniesta and Xavi.

Spain have yet to hit top gear – there was no outstanding team during the group stage – but Silva's creative flair will be very important if they are to retain their title.



LUCK HAS HELPED:  
England coach Roy Hodgson.

But we can't deny that England have worked extremely hard and have got the most we could expect playing the way we have.

Topping our group has exceeded all expectations and anything more is a massive bonus.

Italy are no world beaters but they're an improving side and we'll do well to get past them.

Personally, I don't think we will but I hope we've been practising penalties as it could well come down to that.

If it does we could be there all night

as Italy's penalty shoot-out record in is nearly as bad as ours!

● **ROY** Hodgson believes a newly-found unity has propelled England to the Euro 2012 quarter finals.

Teamwork, commitment and unselfishness have been a byword for this team – but we can also add a huge dollop of good luck.

Who knows whether we would have gone through if Ukraine's 'goal' had been given? We were beginning to wobble at that

stage and I just hope we haven't used up all our luck because we also had plenty in our come-from-behind win against Sweden.

Michel Platini has said the reason there were no penalties given in the group stage was down to the presence of five officials.

But they are there to prevent goal-line controversy and one of them was only five metres away when John Terry hooked the ball clear against Ukraine!

That was the perfect illustration of why we need goal-line technology.

## Pompey v Cherries opener

POMPEY and Cherries will square off against each other on the opening weekend of the League One season.

The two south coast sides are set to clash at Fratton Park on August 18, as they begin their third tier campaigns.

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# Saints Spotlight

## Alternative look at Saints' Premier

**AUGUST 18: MAN CITY (A)**



Michael Svensson, pictured celebrating at the end of the game, scored the only goal when Saints pooped Manchester City's 'farewell to Maine Road' party on the final day of the 2002/03 season.

**SEPT 1: MAN UTD (H)**



Saints have managed to win five of their 13 home Premier League games against United, the last in August 2003 when James Beattie, pictured, headed a late winner. United have won five of their last league games at Saints, though.

**SEPT 15: ARSENAL (A)**



Saints have a dismal Premier League record at the Gunners, having never won there. Since a 1-0 win in November 1987 in the old First Division, Danny Wallace on target, Saints have drawn four and lost 13.

**SEPT 22: ASTON VILLA (H)**



Saints have twice put five or more goals past Villa at home – Ron Davies scoring four in a 6-2 success in May 1967 and Colin Clarke netting twice in a 5-0 victory in March 1987. Glenn Cockerill is pictured scoring in the latter game.

**SEPT 29: EVERTON (A)**



Matt Le Tissier and Kevin Davies scored in a 2-0 win at Goodison Park in November 1997. Saints have failed to win there in seven subsequent visits, losing five of them. Picture shows Saints conceding there in 1993.

**OCT 6: FULHAM (H)**



James Beattie scored a hat-trick, including a header pictured above, in Saints' 4-2 win in October 2002, the only time they have beaten the west London club in four Premier League home games.

**OCT 20: WEST HAM (A)**



Jos Hooiveld, above, levels for Saints at Upton Park last season during the 1-1 Championship draw. Saints won their last top flight game at the Hammers, James Beattie scoring in December 2002.

**OCT 27: TOTTENHAM (H)**



Saints have a superb recent home record against Spurs, winning the last five Premier League games without conceding a goal, the last in March 2005 when Nigel Quashie, pictured, scored.

**NOV 3: WEST BROM (A)**



Two goals in the last 20 minutes from David Puckett and Steve Moran, above, gave Saints a 2-0 win at WBA in May 1984. Since then, Saints lost three league games in a row there before drawing their last three visits.

**SAINTS' TWO MATCHES AGAINST WIGAN ATHLETIC HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS**



# Saints Spotlight

## League fixture list for 2012/13 ...

NOV 10: SWANSEA (H)



Saints have a 100 per cent home top flight league record against the Swans, having won 3-1 in 1981/82 – Kevin Keegan on target twice – and 2-1 the following season with Ian Baird and David Armstrong scoring.

NOV 17: QPR (A)



Jason Dodd, pictured, made his Saints league debut in October 1989 when Saints won 4-1 at Loftus Road with Rod Wallace scoring twice. Six subsequent top flight visits have seen two draws and four defeats.

NOV 24: NEWCASTLE (H)



Saints have a very good home record against the Toon Army, winning eight of their 12 encounters. The most famous came in 1993 when two Matt Le Tissier, above right, stunners gave Saints a 2-1 victory.

NOV 27: NORWICH (H)



One of the most thrilling games ever at St Mary's remains Saints' 4-3 PL victory over the Canaries in April 2005. Henri Camara's late goal, above, gave the hosts three points, but both sides went down a fortnight later.

DEC 1: LIVERPOOL (A)



Brett Ormerod, above, and Michael Svensson scored when Saints won 2-1 in December 2003. That's one of three league wins at Anfield in 24 attempts, the others being 1-0 in 1981/82 and 3-2 in 1997/98.

DEC 8: READING 8 (H)



Saints have not beaten the Royals at home in a league game since 1960, though there have only been three matches since – the latest last April's 3-1 defeat – Rickie Lambert scoring above – which helped Reading pip Saints for the title.

DEC 15: CHELSEA (A)



Saints' only win at Stamford Bridge in their last 10 Premier League attempts came on New Year's Day 2002 when James Beattie netted twice in a 4-2 victory. He is pictured, minus shirt, after scoring his first.

DEC 22: SUNDERLAND (H)



Saints have won three and lost two of their five Premier League home clashes with Sunderland, the last coming when Jo Tessem poached a late winner, above, in a 2-1 success in December 2002.

DEC 26: FULHAM (A)



Michael Svensson heads a last minute leveller to give Saints a 2-2 draw in March 2003 after keeper Antti Niemi had gone up for a corner and seen his shot hit the bar. It remains Saints' only PL point at Fulham.

**FEATURE AS THE TWO CLUBS HAVE NEVER MET IN A COMPETITIVE MATCH ...**



# Saints Spotlight

## Alternative look at Saints' Premier

DEC 29: STOKE (A)



Saints won four of six First Division visits to Stoke between 1979-80 and 1984-85, drawing the other two. Their last win was 3-1 in October 1984 with Alan Curtis, above, Steve Williams and an own goal on target.

JAN 1: ARSENAL (H)



Arsenal's last Premier League visit to St Mary's saw the infamous occasion of David Prutton being sent off and pushing a match official, earning himself a 10-match ban. Robin Van Persie was also dismissed in the 1-1 draw.

JAN 12: ASTON VILLA (A)



Saints have won two of their last 11 Premier League visits to Villa Park, their last three-pointer coming via a James Beattie penalty winner in October 2002. Beattie is pictured celebrating his winner.

JAN 19: EVERTON (H)



Saints have won five of their last eight home Premier League matches against Everton, including a 2-0 win via a Marian Pahars double on the final day of the 1998/99 'Great Escape' season. Pahars is pictured scoring his second.

JAN 29: MAN UTD (A)



Saints have a miserable PL record at Old Trafford, having lost 12 out of 13 games. The exception was the 3-3 draw in 1999 when Matt Le Tissier's, pictured, long-range shot went through Massimo Taibi's legs

FEB 9: MAN CITY (H)



Saints have only won once in eight home Premier League games against the current top flight champions. That was a 2-0 victory in October 2002 when Brett Ormerod scored twice. His first is pictured above.

FEB 23: NEWCASTLE (A)



Matt Le Tissier scored the winner from a free-kick, above, to give Saints a 2-1 win at Newcastle in January 1994. Saints have only won once in 11 PL visits since, losing nine times.

MAR 2: QPR (H)



Jason Dodd and Matt Le Tissier, pictured celebrating the goal, scored when Saints beat QPR 2-0 in their last home PL game against them in 1995. QPR won two of their four Championship visits in recent years, drawing the other two.

MAR 9: NORWICH (A)



Matt Le Tissier converts a penalty on his way to a hat-trick in a remarkable 5-4 win for Saints at Carrow Road in April 1994. That remains Saints' only win at Norwich in four Premier League visits.

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## League fixture list for 2012/13 ...

**MAR 16: LIVERPOOL (H)**



Saints have won five out of 13 home PL games against Liverpool, including the last two. Goals from Peter Crouch and David Prutton gave Harry Redknapp's men a 2-0 St Mary's victory in January 2005.

**MAR 30: CHELSEA (H)**



James Beattie scored twice when Saints last beat Chelsea at home – a 3-2 success in November 2000 with Jo Tessem also on target. In all, Saints have won twice and lost seven of their last 11 home PL games against Chelsea.

**APRIL 6: READING (A)**



Saints have won once in five league visits to Reading, dating back to the late 1950s. That came when Bradley Wright-Phillips struck twice, including this header pictured, in a 2-1 win in Saints' 2008/09 relegation campaign.

**APR 13: WEST HAM (H)**



Jos Hooiveld's winner, above, last season extended Saints' good home record against the Hammers. Saints have only lost one of the last 10, a 3-2 defeat in November 2000, and have won six.

**APR 20: SWANSEA (A)**



Saints have not won a league game at Swansea since January 1962. Since then, they have drawn two and lost four, including a 3-0 loss, pictured, in October 2008 during Jan Poortvliet's miserable reign.

**APR 27: WEST BROM (H)**



Saints possess a great home record against the Baggies, having won ten and drawn seven of the last 17 games, a run stretching back to the early 1970s. Stern John, above, scored twice in the last win, 3-2 in September 2007.

**MAY 4: TOTTENHAM (A)**



James Beattie netted twice when Saints won 3-1 at Spurs in September 2003, the club's only PL victory at White Hart Lane in their last ten attempts. Ex-Saint Glenn Hoddle was sacked as Spurs boss the following day.

**MAY 12: SUNDERLAND (A)**



James Beattie – yes, him again! – scored when Saints won 1-0 at the Stadium of Light in January 2003. Michael Svensson and Antti Niemi, above, combine to deny Kevin Phillips in the same game.

**MAY 19: STOKE (H)**



Saints have won six of their last seven home league games against Stoke, the last a 3-2 St Mary's success in August 2007 with Andrew Surman, above middle, Grzegorz Rasiak and Jhon Viáfara on target.

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# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

### Road to recovery

**FOLLOWING three months of frustration, Dorchester Town goalkeeper Alan Walker-Harris is taking the first steps to recovery from a broken leg.**

**The former Lymington & New Milton, Eastleigh, Winchester City and Brockenhurst stopper suffered the horrific injury 12 weeks ago in the dying stages of the Magpies' 1-0 win over Dartford in the Blue Square Bet South.**

**Now, after months of inactivity, the 30-year-old, pictured, has had his protective cast removed and taken his first form of exercise.**

**"Obviously I've still got my crutches, but I'm starting to walk a bit without them," he said.**

**"I was swimming at 6.30am the morning after I had the cast off.**

**"I was absolutely shattered afterwards and there was even a 70-year-old woman swimming past me, but it's a start and you've got to start somewhere."**



### Whitchurch raid rivals

**SYDENHAMS One club Whitchurch United have completed a trio of new signings from their divisional rivals. Alex Pickering joins the Longmeadow ranks from Fleet Spurs, while striker George Dallarda and no-nonsense defender Luke Bridcutt have both made the switch from Andover New Street.**

**Whitchurch will return to pre-season training on July 3.**

### Wood lands Stags role

**EVO-STIK Southern Premier outfit AFC Totton have appointed Charles Wood to the role of club secretary. Wood, who is originally from Darlington, has lived in Southampton since the 1970s. He has recently been involved with Brendon FC, the Tyro League under-14s and Pirrie Park Bowls Club.**

### Prince steps down

**MIKE Prince is stepping down as secretary of Sydenhams One outfit Brockenhurst due to work commitments.**

**Anyone interested in filling the post should contact chairman Pete Lyles on 07908 109696 as soon as possible. Training will be given if required.**

## Stu and Barry are friends reunited

IT'S three years since Barry Blankley left Salisbury City, but he has stayed involved in football scouting for League Two and Conference National clubs.

His friendship with new Havant & Waterlooville boss Stuart Ritchie goes back two decades and his experience made him the obvious man to turn to when the Hawks parted company with Ritchie's long-serving assistant manager Sean New.

"Me and Stu have known each other for about 20 years," said Blankley. "We played together at Bashley when Trevor Adams and Trevor Parker were there.

"I've played both with Stu and against him over the years and he was different class as a player. He could strike the ball for fun.

"I then managed Stu for a while at AFC Totton and he replaced me there when I left to join Salisbury.

"Stu and I are both winners and that is something we want to instil in our squad.

"We like our teams to play football in the right areas and play to their strengths.

"Team spirit is also an important feature and something Stu and I are very keen on."

New was Ritchie's assistant for eight years at Totton and together they steered the club to spectacular success, including an FA Vase final at Wembley, the Wessex and Southern One South & West titles, the Southern Premier play-off final and a first ever appearance in the FA Cup second round.

But their Havant & Waterlooville partnership was disappointingly brief with New first suspended and then dismissed by the club this week for alleged "non-disclosures" about his past.

Ritchie admitted: "The Sean New situation is a very sad personal thing for me

because he is a good lad, but we just have to move on.

"I have known Barry for years and we played together at Bashley.

"He also managed me for a while at Totton and is a guy I trust and can work with.

"Barry has good contacts and knows this league and the one above.

"He's a very enthusiastic lad and talks to players in the right way."

● The Hawks have upped goalkeeping competition by signing 19-year-old Matt Pegler, who spent three seasons with Woking after spells as a youngster with Fulham, QPR and Aldershot.

Pegler's arrival was followed by the signing of ex-Dorchester and Bashley targetman Ryan Moss, who spent the final three months of last season playing for Ritchie at AFC Totton.



STUART RITCHIE

# FORTRESS WESTLEIGH

**WHEN Barry Blankley was unveiled as Havant & Waterlooville's new assistant manager this week he got a warm welcome at Westleigh Park.**

But it's a mark of respect to his new employers that he admits that has not always been the case.

During his days as an opposition player and manager, Southampton-based Blankley viewed Havant as "a horrible place to go."

And that's exactly how he'd like it to remain for visiting teams next season as the Hawks seek to put their Blue Square Bet South relegation scare firmly behind them and mount a serious promotion bid.

Blankley, a former Saints apprentice who made 90 professional appearances for Aldershot, was a no-nonsense, tough tackling full-back in his hey-day.

He went on to play for Woking, Basingstoke and Bashley and, whenever a trip to Havant & Waterlooville beckoned, he knew he was in for a fight.

"I've always thought of Havant as a decent club with a lovely set-up," he said. "But when I went there as a player and manager, it was a horrible place to go purely because you always knew it was going to be a battle.

"Havant have always been a side who try and play good football, but they can mix it when they have to.

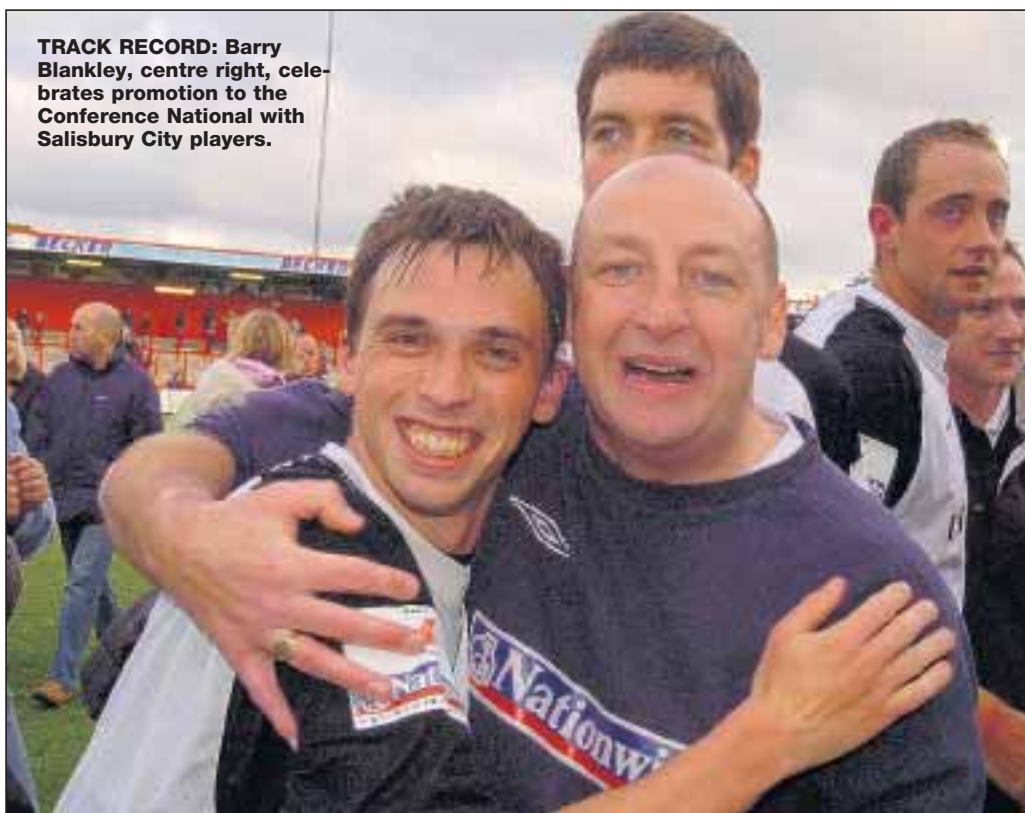
"From what I'm told they were unlucky in a few games last season, but when you're down near the bottom you sometimes lose that winning mentality.

"That's something we need to bring back, whether it's in a five-a-side training game or a league or FA Cup match.

"We want to instil the need to win in everything we do."

That winning mentality certainly served Blankley well during five hugely successful years as assistant to ex-Saint Nick Holmes at Salisbury City, from 2004 to 2009,

**TRACK RECORD: Barry Blankley, centre right, celebrates promotion to the Conference National with Salisbury City players.**



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when the Wiltshire club climbed from the Southern Division One to the promised land of the Conference National.

"That's the place to be if you can get there," said Blankley.

"You just have to look at all the ex-Football League clubs in there like Luton, York and Lincoln.

"As long as things are right financially, that's where clubs should be aiming to be."

Unfortunately for Salisbury, it proved a financial stretch too far and, following Blankley's departure, they were demoted two divisions in the summer of 2010 having gone into administration earlier that year.

On the pitch, however, the Whites had the formula right and Blankley attributes that success to squad unity combined with a winning mentality.

"The most important thing we had at Salisbury was togetherness and the mentality that we weren't going to lose," he said.

Blankley, a UEFA B badge coach, added: "The preparation has to be right too, knowing what the opposition are about and taking what you've learned on the training pitch onto the park on a Saturday.

"It's also important to be able to adapt. Every team wants to play as much football as they can, but you have to have an A and B plan and be able to change the system as and when."

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**WINCHESTER City are close to finalising their squad for their big return to the Southern League.**

The Sydenhams champions have this week made two new additions, signing 20-year-old winger Nick Watts from Division One South & West rivals Sholing and strapping centre-back Pete Castle from Wessex outfit GE Hamble.

Watts was on Portsmouth's books as a youth player at the same time as Winchester defender Conor McCarthy.

Equally at home on the left or right flank, he initially joined Sholing on loan three seasons ago and then signed permanently following his release from Fratton Park.

For Castle it will be a welcome return to Southern League football a year after leaving Gosport Borough.

Now 25, the powerful defender made history as Reading's youngest ever first-team player at the age of 16 years and 49 days during Alan Pardew's time in charge.

He has since done the non-League rounds with the likes of Staines, Eastleigh, Bashley and AFC Totton.

Welcoming City's two latest signings, club owner Paul McCarthy said: "We've always known Nick Watts is a good player."

"He knows a lot of our lads and will bring more competition out wide."

"Pete Castle (pictured right) has had a few clubs now, but he's got so much ability. I get the feeling he thinks he's in the last-chance saloon."

"He's an intelligent lad and, if he keeps himself in shape, we've got ourselves a very good player."

Having signed striker Michael Charles from AFC Totton as a replacement for Salisbury-bound ex-Saint Jamie White, McCarthy had originally set his sights on making another major frontline signing.

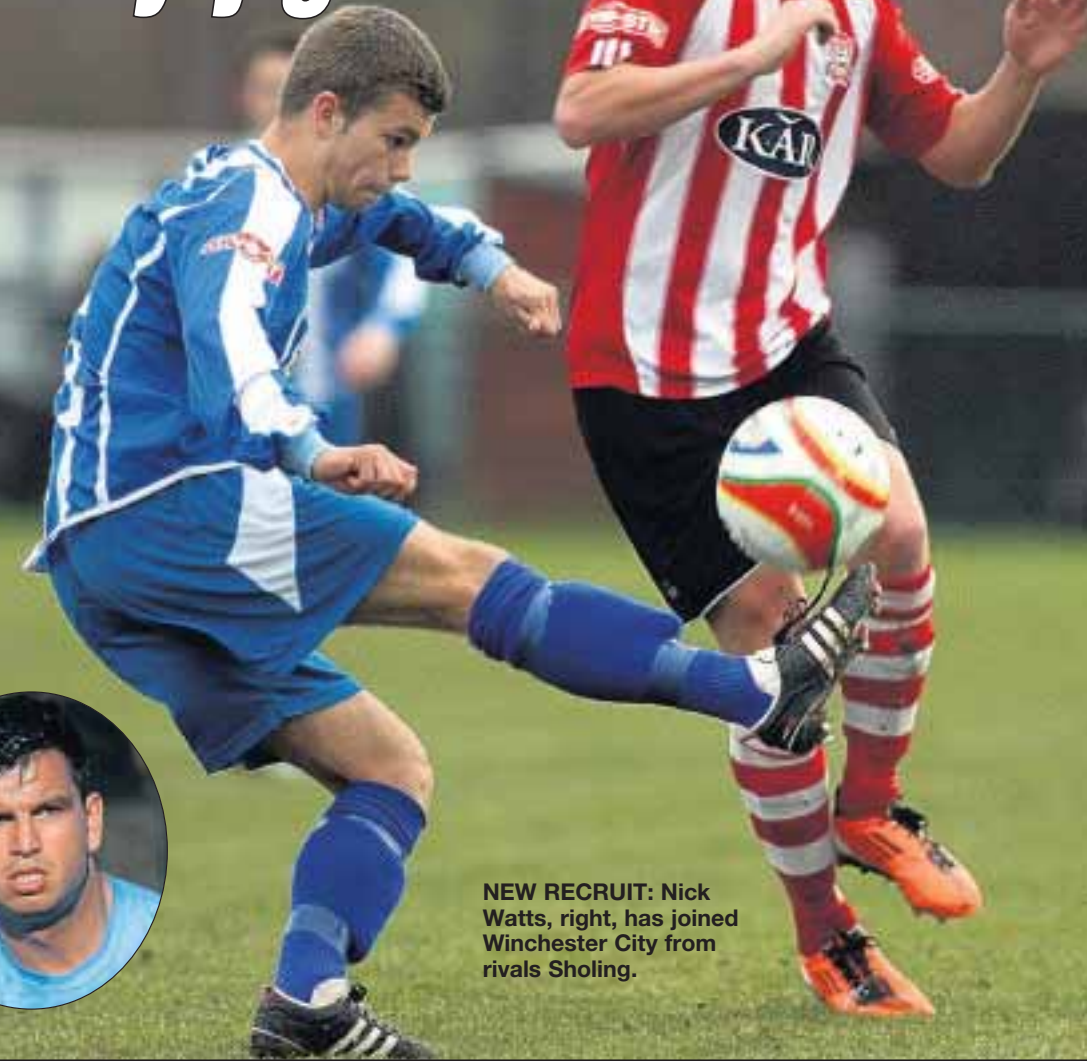
But having missed out on Nathaniel Sherborne, who opted to stay at Totton, he is tempted to stick with what he's got and have a rethink further down the line if necessary.

McCarthy said: "We did try to get Nathaniel Sherborne but he's decided to stay at Totton and I'm not looking for another striker now."

"We've got loads of good players who can score goals."

"Dominic Allen played in midfield for us last season, but really he's a striker. And with people like Nick

## Final pieces of City jigsaw?



**NEW RECRUIT: Nick Watts, right, has joined Winchester City from rivals Sholing.**

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Watts, Charlie Smeeton, Tom Dunford, Chris Mason and Taz Roberts, the supply is going to be there for Charlesy.

"If someone brilliant comes along and it has to happen, it will, but it would have to be someone special. Players like Jamie White are few and far between."

"We've got plenty of cover, including Danny Cox who has come back to us from Lymington Town."

"When Danny was here

before, we had people like Jamie (White) and Dom Allen and he couldn't get a game. He also came to us after a bad injury at Sholing and was working his way back. But he's fully fit now and looking good."

The signing of 21-year-old goalkeeper Jon Webb from GE Hamble is imminent and City intend to pursue their interest in Canadian defender Patrick Wilson, 26, who has played professionally in Belgium and now

works for the AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust on the Isle of Wight.

Following a serious Achilles injury, Wilson worked his way back to fitness with Sydenhams One outfit Cowes Sports last season and Winchester are keen to see what he can bring to the Southern League party.

"Patrick's played at a high level and he's a bit of a leader by the sounds of it," said McCarthy. "He looks a good player. We'll get him signed on and see where it goes."

Off the field, City are exploring the possibility of adding former Havant &

Waterlooville boss Mick Jenkins to their management team.

"Mick's got a couple of other offers from decent clubs, but he might come to us as part of our staff," said McCarthy. "He and (City boss) Guy Butters are good pals. If we could get him, he'd be a massive addition to the club."

Winchester report back for pre-season training on July 3 and kick off a packed programme of pre-season friendlies at home to Havant & Waterlooville on Saturday, July 7.

The latest friendly arranged is home to Hampshire League 2004 side Winchester Lions on Saturday, August 11.

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**Snows back Spitfires**  
VEHICLE sales supplier Snows Group will continue to support Eastleigh for what they hope will be a promotion-pushing season.

Snows celebrated 50 years in business this year and group chairman Stephen Snow, pictured, said: "We are delighted to support Eastleigh FC and strengthening our partnership reaffirms our commitment to local football."



"As a business we continue to expand despite the challenging economic times and we are pleased to play our part assisting Eastleigh with what looks to be a promotion-pushing season."

Mark Jewell, commercial manager of the ambitious Blue Square Bet South club, said: "We are thrilled a company such as Snows have agreed to increase their association with the football club."

### Physio required

FAWLEY AFC need a match-day physiotherapist to work with their Sydenhams Premier Division side. Club secretary Richard Coxall is the man to contact at [fawleysecretary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fawleysecretary@hotmail.co.uk).

### Friendlies wanted

FOREST Town FC of the Hampshire League 2004 are looking for pre-season friendlies.

The club can travel to most venues and do most dates throughout July and August and can also accommodate home fixtures.

Anyone interested should ring Scott Johnston on 07825 550624 or email [scotjohnson1989@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:scotjohnson1989@hotmail.co.uk).

### Town's off-field lift

BASINGSTOKE Town have strengthened their off-field operations by appointing Dean Coombs as commercial manager.

Coombs is already a well-known face at the Blue Square Bet South club being the son of Town legend Billy Coombs.

"Having spent most of my childhood at the club watching my dad, I am honoured to be taking this position at such an exciting time," said Coombs.

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# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

### Simkin: Wat a signing!

**BLUE** Square Bet South club Dorchester Town have announced their second signing of the close season – former Exeter City forward Ben Watson.

The 26-year-old, who last season played for league rivals Eastbourne Borough, has signed a one-year deal at the Avenue Stadium.

Magpies manager Phil Simkin, pictured above, said: "He is a proven goalscorer at this level and above."

Dorchester's first summer capture was former Eastleigh goalkeeper Jason Matthews from Bath City.

### Franks joins Welling

**CENTRE-BACK** Fraser Franks, pictured below, a former Basingstoke Town loanee, has joined Blue

Square Bet South outfit Welling United on a one-year contract.

Franks, 21, was part of AFC Wimbledon's Conference Premier play-off

winning squad and played 13 games for Basingstoke in 2009/10.

### Port boost backroom

**PHIL** Rann and Jay Westerhoff have joined the management team of Newport IoW reserves.

The Islanders' second string finished bottom of the inaugural Wyvern Combination League Premier Division last term. They will this season play in Division One East.

### Dolan player search

**TADLEY** Calleva manager Danny Dolan is on the look-out for new players as he prepares for the upcoming Sydenhams One campaign. Pre-season training will take place at 7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Barlows Park.

Any player who thinks he has what it takes to play at Wessex level should contact Dolan on 07813 535445 to arrange a trial.

The club have also set up an under-18 team, managed by Steve Williams. Again, players interested in turning out for the side should contact Dolan for more information.

## Sutton v Eastleigh league rehearsal

EASTLEIGH bosses past and present will go head to head in a pre-season friendly on Saturday, July 21 (3pm).

Ian Baird's Spitfires will continue their build-up to the new campaign with a trip to Sutton United, who are managed by their former manager Paul Doswell.

With Sutton missing out in the end-of-season play-offs, it means the teams will again be rivals in the Blue Square Bet South.

Traditionally clubs from the same division tend to avoid meeting in friendlies, preferring to keep their powder dry for the league battle.

But Sutton boss Doswell – the driving force behind Eastleigh's transformation from a Wessex Premier to Conference South club – admitted: "It's been very difficult to find Football League opposition this summer."

"We've got good relations with Eastleigh and I think it's an exciting pre-season game. It won't have any bearing on the league season but will



**FRIENDLY RIVALRY:** Paul Doswell, left, and Ian Baird.

be a good test for us."

The Surrey club, who finished fourth in the BSB South last term, include former Southampton right-back Paul Telfer on their coaching/staff along with popular

ex-Eastleigh goalkeeper Wayne Shaw.

The trip to Sutton comes just three days ahead of Eastleigh's first big home friendly against League One new boys Crewe Alexandra on

Tuesday, July 24 (7.45pm).

Visits to Southern One South & West trio North Leigh, Sholing and Winchester City follow before Baird's men pit their wits against Oxford United on Tuesday, August 7 (7.45pm, home) and a Reading XI on Saturday, August 11 (3pm, home).

Discussing the friendly programme, Baird said: "I want to be able to see everyone get some decent pitch time so that they are all able to put forward a good case to be included in the matchday squad for the opening league fixture."

Before pre-season begins away at Poole Town on Thursday, July 19, Eastleigh will host a Family Open Day at the Silverlake Stadium on Saturday, July 14.

Fans are also reminded that there is still time to take advantage of the club's 'Early Bird' season-ticket offer. Those who purchase their tickets before July 31 will benefit from reduced prices – £99 adults, £69 students and senior citizens and £35 under-16s. Under-sevens go free.



### DEFENDER Chris Holland has joined Alex Pike's newly-promoted Gosport Borough following his release from Havant & Waterlooville.

The former Eastleigh centre-back was one of the first players let go by new Havant boss Stuart Ritchie following one season at Westleigh Park which saw the Hawks only just escape relegation from the Blue Square Bet South.

The Taunton-born former AFC Bournemouth trainee, pictured left, had spent the previous season with Havant's divisional rivals Eastleigh having relocated to the Southampton area to live with his girlfriend in Hamble.

It followed four successful seasons with Bath City which culminated in promotion to the Conference National.

Holland joins a crop of new signings for Evo-Stik South & West play-off winners Borough as they prepare to join the likes of AFC Totton, Weymouth and Bashley in the Southern League top flight.

Also new in at Privett Park are left-sided player Adam Everiss, released from Swindon Town, 6ft 4in midfielder Luke King and former Borough and Salisbury utility man Pat Cox from Fleet Town.

North Greenford United goalkeeper Aaron Bufton, 21, who has been on the books of Crystal Palace, Reading, QPR and Portsmouth has also signed.

Borough have confirmed that winger Adam Wilde has re-signed for 2012/13 along with Dan Wooden, Brett Poate, George Way, Aaron Cook, Gavin Jones, Ellis Martin, Nathan Kirby, James Ford, Craig Feeney, Lee Molyneaux and Nathan Ashmore.

Veteran former Football League striker Steve Claridge has finally called time on his career at the age of 46, but three-times golden boot winner Justin Bennett has committed himself to Gosport for another three seasons.

# HOLLAND JOINS BOROUGH INFLUX

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# Non-league Football

## JOB'S A GOOD 'UN!

### Co-boss Lewis hails work of Hamble predecessor Bowers

**NEW GE** Hamble co-manager Dave Lewis has plenty to thank his predecessor Danny Bowers for.

Not only has the legacy of Bowers and joint team boss Paul Cotton persuaded the vast majority of last season's squad to sign on again for next season, writes **WENDY GEE**.

But the pair have so significantly raised the status of the Sydenhams Premier club that the loss of goalkeeper Jon Webb and centre-back Pete Castle to Winchester City is not as big a hammer blow as it might have been.

While both players will be missed, Lewis – former first-team coach – and Cotton are not short of options to replace them.

Hamble have already signed on another bright, young goalkeeper, Ryan Gosney from Winchester, and know of plenty of outfield players itching to help the Planemakers build on their fifth-placed finish last term.

"I believe three-quarters of our squad are capable of playing Southern League football or above, so to have only lost two players this summer shows how far the club has grown under Danny and Paul's guidance," said Lewis, pictured left. "They've made my job

so much easier because the calibre of player being attracted is a lot higher than it used to be.

"We've had some quality players interested in getting on board and being part of what we are trying to do.

"When I first joined the club, it was so much harder to attract that calibre of player."

Having achieved his three-year plan of getting Hamble out of Sydenhams One and establishing them as a Premier Division force, Bowers has moved upstairs as director of football.

But he promised he would be there to help Lewis, his friend and business partner, when needed and has already



**STAYING PUT:** Jamie Musselwhite, above, and Ashley Jarvis, right.

proved influential in getting key players signed on again for the new campaign.

Hamble's 'Batman and Robin' strike-force of Jamie Musselwhite and Ashley Jarvis are staying, despite tempting offers from Southern League clubs.

So too is tricky winger Rory Williams – a player Lewis believes is capable of League football – plus the likes of Dan Turner, Scott Gilham, Matt Troon, Jamie Barron, Doug Rowe, Jimmy Bull, Ricki Sibley, Pip Nolan, Alex Sheath and Richard Butt.

"Danny has been an absolute diamond," said Lewis. "He's played a massive part in all the signings, certainly Jamie Musselwhite.

smooth for me to come in as co-manager.

"The club has grown under Danny and Paul and the management team is as strong now as it ever was."

Between them Hamble's dynamic frontline duo banged in 57 Sydenhams League and Cup goals last season, with 'Batman' Musselwhite on 30 and the Jarvis, the boy wonder, on 27.

In all competitions, the pair finished level pegging on 33 goals and shared the golden boot award at the annual presentation night. The livewire Jarvis – formerly of Brighton, Gosport and AFC Totton – was also honoured with the players' player and supporters' player-of-the-year awards.

"Batman and Robin have signed on again ready for another caper and I'm absolutely delighted," smiled Lewis.

"Without doubt they've been the best strike combination in the league for the last couple of seasons simply because of the number of goals they've scored.

"Ashley has turned down offers from Sholing and Poole Town to sign on again and Jamie also had offers from a couple of Southern League clubs plus (league rivals) Blackfield & Langley.

"Jamie's a juggernaut performer and when he puts pen to paper it shows we're serious about winning the league."

Although strapping centre-back Castle's departure leaves a yawning gap, Lewis is confident he already has the personnel to fill it.

"We've got a couple of new signings imminent but, in all honesty, I believe we've probably got people within the squad to do the job Pete's vacated," he said.

"Dan Turner had a fantastic season and was one of the massive differences between us finishing mid-table and mounting a challenge for the league.

"Scott Gilham can also do the job – plus we've got Richie Butt coming back as a centre-back/right-back and our left-back Matt Troon is an impeccable footballer who won sponsors' player-of-the-year."



"It makes me feel really lucky to work with this group of people.

"Danny's helped me immensely with his experience and contacts, and Paul Cotton and (coach) Tim Middleton have pulled out all the stops to make things



## Bittner links up with ex-Saint

**KEEPER** James Bittner, who finished last season in goal for AFC Totton, has joined Hereford United on a one-year deal.

The former Exeter, AFC Bournemouth and Salisbury City stopper, pictured left, spent the last two months of 2011/12 at the Testwood Stadium on loan from Hereford's Blue Square Bet Premier rivals Forest Green Rovers.

He was instrumental in helping Totton reach the Evo-Stik Southern Premier play-off final and made his farewell appearance in the 4-2

defeat at Oxford City on May 7.

He now links up with Salisbury-born ex-Saint Martin Foyle, who recently took charge of Hereford and is delighted to have the 6ft 2in, 30-year-old on board.

"James is an excellent goalkeeper," said Foyle.

"He's been around the Conference, has a fantastic attitude and I know he wants to be here. He's a good age with great experience and I think he will do very, very well for us."

Devizes-born Bittner spent two

years at Forest Green and played an integral part in keeping Rovers up in his first season at The New Lawn, winning the supporters' player-of-the-year accolade.

But he found game time harder to come by last term after Sam Russell was signed during the January transfer window and boss Dave Hockaday, an ex-Saints coach, subsequently loaned him to Totton.

Bittner joins a Hereford side who will be looking to regain their Football League status following relegation from League Two.

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### Camrose trials

**TALENTED** young footballers are being encouraged to apply for a place in the Basingstoke Town School of Development Centre.

It offers youngsters, aged six to 15, the chance to take part in weekly coaching sessions on top-of-the-range 3G pitches at the Camrose while continuing to play for their grass-roots teams.

Trials for goalkeepers will take place in September, but outfield players will get the chance to impress the coaches at trials being held next month.

The first trials are at the Camrose on Friday, July 6. Boys who will be under-sevens or under-eights next year (currently in years one and two at school) will show what they can do from 6-7.15pm, while youngsters who will be under-nines, under-10s and under-11s next year (current school years three, four and five), will take to the field from 7.30-8.45pm.

The second set of trials will take place on July 20, at the same times.

Places at the trials are limited and boys are required to attend both trials if possible. Parents should register their interest by emailing [learningthroughsport@ntl-world.com](mailto:learningthroughsport@ntl-world.com).

### Totton pitch gong

**AFC TOTTON'S** diligent ground staff were recognised by the FA in the 2012 Groundsman of the Year Awards.

Ken Dunwell and Bob Coombs received highly commended status, meaning the Stags' Testwood Stadium playing surface was ranked in the top five in the entire Southern League.

A club spokesman said: "We are sure all club supporters would like to congratulate Ken and Bob on this achievement. We thank them both for the many hours' hard work they put in to keep the pitch in such excellent condition."

Chesham United were the Southern League winners with Bedworth United runners-up and St Neots Town in third.

Like AFC Totton, Taunton Town were highly commended.

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# Non-league Football

## Sholing's Saints test

SAINTS under-21s will make the short trip to Sholing next month.

Martin Hunter's talented squad will grace the Portsmouth Road home of the Evo-Stik Southern One South & West outfit on Tuesday, July 10 (7.30pm).

A week later, on Tuesday, July 17, the young Saints will visit Sydenhams Premier champions Winchester City who, like Sholing, hope to be gunning for the South & West title next term.

On Saturday, August 11 (3pm) Sholing will pay a return visit to Southern Premier new boys Gosport Borough – scene of their recent South & West play-off semi-final defeat.

### PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES 2012

**Saturday, July 7:** Blackfield & Langley v Hythe & Dibden (3.00), Frimley Green v Alesford Town, Sporting BW v Fareham Town (on 3G pitch at Wide Lane, Eastleigh, 3.00), US Portsmouth v GE Hamble (3.00), Winchester City v Havant & Waterlooville (3.00).

**Tuesday, July 10:** AFC Stoneham v Romsey Town (6.30), Blackfield & Langley v AFC Totton (7.45), Brockenhurst v Alesford Town, Devizes v Downton, Hamworthy Utd v Salisbury City, Sholing v SAINTS U21s (7.30), Totton & Eling v Sporting BW (at Wellow).

**Wednesday, July 11:** Sherborne Town v Bournemouth Poppies, Winchester City v Salisbury City (7.45).

**Thursday, July 12:** Moneyfields Res v Fareham Town Res (6.30).

**Friday, July 13:** AFC Stoneham v Hordean Res (7.15), Totton & Eling v Brockenhurst (at Wellow), Whitchurch Utd v Fawley AFC.

**Saturday, July 14:** Markus Liebherr Memorial at St Mary's (Saints, Arsenal and Rangers), Alton Town v Aldershot Town, Bashley v Blackfield & Langley (3.00), Cowes Sports v GE Hamble XI, Havant & Waterlooville v Portsmouth (3.00), QK Southampton v Fareham Town (3.00), Ringwood v GE Hamble XI, Stockbridge v Romsey Town, US Portsmouth v Totton (double fixture, 12.30 and 2.30), Winchester City v Gosport Borough (3pm).

**Tuesday, July 17:** Blackfield & Langley v AFC Stoneham, Brockenhurst v GE Hamble (7.45), Hordean v Gosport Borough (7.30), Frome Town v Salisbury City (7.45), Romsey Town v Sholing XI (7.45), Winchester Castle v Alesford Town (6.30), Winchester City v SAINTS U21s.

**Wednesday, July 18:** Downton v Amesbury.

**Thursday, July 19:** Christchurch v Sholing (7.45), Poole Town v Eastleigh (7.45), Sporting BW v Romsey Town (6.30), Whitchurch Utd v Thatcham Town (Dango Tournament at Andover New Street).

**Friday, July 20:** Hamworthy Utd v Sherborne, Hordean v Eastleigh XI (7.30).

**Saturday, July 21:** AFC Portchester v Poole Town (3.00), AFC Totton v Farnborough (3.00), Alton Town v Wantage (3.00), Arlesey Town v Salisbury City (3.00), Basingstoke Town v Reading (3.00), Blackfield & Langley v East Preston (double header, kick-offs to be advised), Brockenhurst v Wembley (3.00), Chichester City v GE Hamble, Evian Thonon Gaillard v SAINTS.

(Stade Joseph-Moynat, 7.00 local), Gillingham Town v Alesford Town, Hamworthy Utd v Badshot Lea, New Milton Town v AFC Bournemouth XI (3.00), QK Southampton v Fawley AFC, Shepton Mallet v Totton & Eling, Sutton United v Eastleigh (3pm).

**Tuesday, July 24:** AFC Portchester v Gosport Borough, Alton Town v Bracknell, Brackley Town v Salisbury City (7.45), Brockenhurst v Lymington Town, Colden Common v Whitchurch Utd, Eastleigh v Crewe Alexandra (7.45), GE Hamble v Sholing (7.45), Pagham v Fareham Town (7.45), Ringwood Town v Romsey Town, Wantage Town v Alesford Town (7.45), Winchester City v Basingstoke Town (7.45).

**Thursday, July 26:** Colden Common v Romsey Town (6.30).

**Friday, July 27:** AFC Totton v Basingstoke Town, Bemerton HH v Frome Town, Fawley AFC v Tadley Calveia, GE Hamble v Gosport Borough XI.

**Saturday, July 28:** Blackfield & Langley v Sholing XI (3.00), Calne Town v Fareham Town (3.00), Chichester City v Alesford Town (6.30), Fareham Town v Camberley Town (3.00), Hamworthy Utd v Havant & Waterlooville, New Milton Town v Paulton Rovers (2.30), Poole Borough v Totton & Eling, North Leigh v Eastleigh (3.00), SAINTS v Ajax (3.00), Salisbury City v Reading (3.00), Whitchurch Utd v Abingdon, Winchester City v AFC Bournemouth XI (3.00).

**Monday, July 30:** AFC Portchester v Pagham, Downton v Eastleigh XI, Fawley AFC v Brockenhurst.

**Tuesday, July 31:** Basingstoke Town v AFC Bournemouth, Poole Town v Whitchurch Utd, GE Hamble v Colden Common, Downton v Salisbury City (7.45), Sholing v Eastleigh (7.45).

**Wednesday, August 1:** Havant & Waterlooville v AFC Bournemouth (7.45), New Milton Town Res v AFC Bournemouth U18 Academy (7.00).

**Friday, August 3:** Salisbury City v Swindon Town (7.45).

**Saturday, August 4:** Basingstoke Town v Brentford (3.00), SAINTS v Wolves (3.00), Wimborne Town v AFC Totton (3.00), Winchester City v Eastleigh (3.00).

**Tuesday, August 7:** AFC Totton v Salisbury City (7.30), Bristol City v SAINTS (7.45), Eastleigh v Oxford Utd (7.45), Havant & Waterlooville v Gosport Borough (7.45).

**Saturday, August 11:** Chippenham Town v Basingstoke Town, Eastleigh v Reading XI (3.00), Fleet Town v AFC Totton, Gosport Borough v Sholing (3.00), SAINTS v Udinese (12.00), Salisbury City v Portsmouth (3.00), Winchester City v Andover Lions (3.00).

## Wimborne vice-chairman elected onto Southern League board

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**WIMBORNE** Town's vice-chairman **Paul Miller** has been voted onto the Southern League board of directors.

The honour comes just two years after the Magpies won promotion from the Sydenhams Wessex League.

Miller, a director of Wimborne for seven years, said: "I'm over the moon to be elected. The club has now established itself at Southern League level and it's an honour to represent the league and also, in some respects, the more southerly clubs in the Southern League.

"I would like to publicly thank the two chairmen I have worked under, Ken Stewart and Nick O'Hara, for the grounding and benefit of their experience which I have been able to draw upon over the last seven years.

"This, in turn, has given me the experience needed to take on such a role."

The position holds a three-year tenure with Miller continuing his Wimborne duties as normal.

The Evo-Stik Southern recently became the highest-ranked league in the National Leagues System to be given the prestigious Charter Standard League Award.

Wimborne, meanwhile, will hold a fans' forum at their Cuthbury clubhouse on Tuesday, July 3 (7.30pm).

It's an opportunity for supporters to hear manager Steve Cuss and the directors discuss plans for next season and to ask any questions they want.

Entry is free.

● **POOLE** Town chief Chris Reeves is "thrilled" to have been elected as the representative for the Division Eight region on the Football

# I'LL BE THE VOICE FOR SOUTHERLY CLUBS – MILLER



PAUL MILLER



**ESTABLISHED:** Wimborne Town players celebrate a goal during last season's Evo-Stik Southern League South & West campaign.

Association council.

The full member clubs in Division Eight – a group which includes Bristol City and Southampton – voted Reeves as their new representative.

Dolphins vice-chairman Reeves will now attend FA meetings at Wembley to put forward the region's

thoughts on various topics.

Reeves, a long-serving member of the Poole hierarchy, said: "I am absolutely thrilled.

"Without the success of the football club, this wouldn't have happened."

Outlining his new role, Reeves added: "There are a number of meetings a year

at Wembley and the purpose is to make sure that the FA, in very general terms, get input from each region on all the issues that are high on the FA's agenda at any given time."

Reeves has been one of the driving forces behind Poole's rise in recent seasons.

He played a key role behind the scenes as Dolphins earned promotion back to the Southern League following a triple Wessex Premier title triumph.

Reeves has also led Dolphins' bid to secure a new permanent home since their departure from Poole Stadium in 1994.

## Fareham boss Parr hails Mundy as his "greatest signing"

FAREHAM Town vice-chairman Dave Mundy has won the inaugural FA Community Award for volunteer of the year for the Hampshire FA region.

Team boss Matt Parr knew Mundy well from one of his previous clubs, Locks Heath, and said: "Without doubt he has been my greatest signing since I joined the club.



**SYDENHAMS** Premier outfit Christchurch are looking for an away friendly on Saturday, July 21. Contact manager **Graham Kemp** on 07970 710443.

"I knew what he could bring us from our time together at Locks Heath.

"I knew Dave would help run things properly and help the club grow.

"He is very supportive, win or lose, but he expects things to be done properly."

Club secretary Paul Proctor agreed: "Dave and his wife Sheila have been a rock since they joined us.

"They've given us a vision and the drive to move forward.

"I very much doubt, without their input and enthusiasm, that we would have a thriving mini soccer and youth section, obtained FA Charter

Standard status or replaced our floodlights."

The modest Mundy said there were others to thank for receiving the prestigious FA award.

"Whilst delighted to be nominated by my fellow volunteers at Fareham, this is without doubt a team effort off the pitch just as much as winning on a Saturday is a team effort on it," he said.

"I am truly honoured to have won this award on behalf of them all."

Mundy's prize includes a certificate, leather folder and two tickets for the FA Community Shield.

He will presented with his richly

deserved award on June 29 at the Hampshire FA headquarters.

Parr, meanwhile, is well on his way to assembling his squad for the upcoming Sydenhams Premier season.

Already signed on for 2012/13 are Wayne Boud, Luke Douglas, Sam Kessack, Graham Lindsey, Sam Doswell, Lewis Smith, Danny Thompson, Liam Hibberd, Kieron Lewis, Matt Burt, Louie Martin, Tom Winzar, Mat Jones, Adam Redman, Jimmy Cuthbert, Robbie Pittman, Sean Dark, Michael Dark, Grant Dove, Josh Cripps, Mark Cotton and Robbie Tambling.

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## INTERNATIONAL CRICKET SPOTLIGHT

# PE Hants League passes FA review

THE Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League has had its place confirmed on the non-League pyramid for a period of three years.

Following completion of a Step 7 review by the Football Association, the PEHPL is one of 38 leagues in England to have been placed at this level.

The league was formed in 2007 and its senior division currently consists of 18 teams, most of whom were previously members of the disbanded Division Two of the Wessex League.

It has been granted Step 7A status, which means more than 75 per cent of its clubs meet the required ground grading standard.

But with only three clubs still requiring work to bring their facilities up to scratch, they hope to achieve full Step 7 status in the near future.

Liss Athletic's changing rooms are being substantially refurbished during the close season, which only leaves Colden Common and Sporting Bishop's Waltham with changes to make.

"The league hope to make an application prior to December to be classified at full Step 7 with all its clubs meeting the grade," confirmed PEHPL secretary Roger Allen.

Twelve months ago the PEHPL achieved rare status as a Charter Standard League. It received a congratulatory letter and certificate following monitoring of its clubs by unannounced visits.

No improvement needs were identified and several initiatives were applauded such as the team captain taking more responsibility for the behaviour of his side. PEHPL chairman George Mason said: "The Respect programme has come in for unjustified criticism in the past.


"To the contrary, we see it as an important initiative to deliver our aim of making football a pleasurable experience that will attract families to watch our games. "The reciprocal effect is that clubs will benefit financially.

"We will be taking new steps for the coming season such as posting dressing room notices to remind both players and referees of their responsibilities under the programme."

## PE HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE LINE-UP 2012/13

**SENIOR DIVISION (18 clubs):** AFC Aldermaston, AFC Stoneham, Bournemouth Sports, Clanfield, Colden Common, Fleetlands, Hamble Club, Hedge End Rangers, Liphook United, Liss Athletic, Locks Heath, Otterbourne, Overton United, Paulsgrove, QK Southampton, Sporting Bishops Waltham, University of Portsmouth, Winchester Castle.

**COMBINATION DIVISION (17 clubs):** AFC Aldermaston Res, AFC Stoneham Res, Bournemouth Sports Res, Clanfield Res, Colden Common Res, Fleetlands Res, Hamble Club Res, Hedge End Rangers Res, Liphook United Res, Liss Athletic Res, Locks Heath Res, Otterbourne Res, Overton United Res, Paulsgrove Res, QK Southampton Res, Sporting Bishop's Waltham Res, Winchester Castle Res.



## Bell's Bowl of plenty ...

THE Ageas Bowl is certainly one of Ian Bell's favourite grounds.

The Warwickshire batsman, pictured, struck 126 to help England to victory over the West Indies in the first ODI last weekend.

That was his third international hundred at the West End venue in only six visits to the crease.

Back in August 2007 he struck an unbeaten 126 as England defeated India in a 50-over game.

It remained the highest ODI innings at the stadium until last weekend ... when Bell scored exactly the same amount!

ODI TONS AT THE AGEAS BOWL	
126*	...JR Bell England v India 2007
126	...JR Bell England v West Indies 2012
107*	...EJG Morgan England v Pakistan 2010
105	...CL White Australia v England 2009
104	...A Flintoff England v Sri Lanka 2004
103*	...EJG Morgan England v Australia 2010
102	...AN Cook England v India 2007
101	...Younis Khan Pakistan v England 2006

Bell now has the two highest scores, with Eoin Morgan the only other man to score two ODI hundreds at the ground.

In July 2011, Bell created more Ageas Bowl history by becoming the first man to score a Test century there.

He struck an unbeaten 119 in the rain-wrecked third Test against Sri Lanka.

# WATSON OUT TO LAY DOWN ASHES MARKER

**ALL-ROUNDER** Shane Watson believes Australia can deliver an early blow in the lead-up to next year's Ashes when they meet England in the upcoming one-day international series.

Australia will reacquire themselves with the old enemy over five matches, starting at Lord's on June 29, in their first meetings since England's drought-breaking Ashes tour 18 months ago.

Since then Australia have undergone a reconstruction, on and off the field, with Michael Clarke replacing Ricky Ponting as skipper while South African Mickey Arthur was installed as their first ever foreign coach.

The emergence of young quicks Pat

Cummins and James Pattinson, who are set to make their first appearances on these shores, have also provided an insight into the Aussies' next generation.

Both could be key to any Australian success next summer and with pre-Ashes psychology certain to provide an undercurrent to the upcoming series, Watson, pictured, believes that should they, and his team, deliver over the next month then the tourists will have taken an early edge.

"No doubt. You've got to make the most of any series you play against England, especially in England with next year's Ashes coming up," the former Hampshire favourite said.

"First of all it's a great time for the younger guys to experience what it is like to play in England, but it

is also an opportunity to be able to make our mark here in England as well leading into next year's Ashes.

"Hopefully we can play the cricket that we know we can and get the result that we want."

Watson is wary of underestimating England, however, after they wrapped up a sixth consecutive home ODI series win with their victory over West Indies earlier this week.

England's hopes had seemingly been undermined before the series following Kevin Pietersen's untimely retirement from limited overs cricket.

But in his absence openers Ian Bell (at The Ageas Bowl) and Alastair Cook (at The Kia Oval) have both scored centuries to ensure an unassailable 2-0 lead.

"They are playing very good one-day cricket at the moment," Watson said of England.

"Their batting has been a big strength. For guys to continue to be able to get hundreds at the top of the order obviously sets a very good platform for the team.

"We'll definitely have to play at our best to get the result we want."

## Clarke top of pay list with £1.29m

ONE former Hampshire player has overtaken another as Cricket Australia's best paid international star.

The announcement of the contracted players list, which sees the total contracts trimmed from 25 to 17, has been delayed for over a month as the ACA and CA negotiated the final details of their agreement, which now runs for five years.

The result of that negotiation sees the players receiving a reduced base percentage of 24.5% of revenue, but with the opportunity to earn up to 27% with bonuses for team success.

It means that skipper Michael Clarke, pictured, will reportedly earn around 2million Australian dollars (£1.29m), which includes a 300,000-dollar bonus for the captaincy, allowing the skipper to surpass Shane Watson as the best-paid Australian player.



Australia central contracts: Michael Clarke, Patrick Cummins, Xavier Doherty, Brad Haddin, Ryan Harris, Ben Hilfenhaus, David Hussey, Michael Hussey, Mitchell Johnson, Nathan Lyon, James Pattinson, Ricky Ponting, Peter Siddie, Mitchell Starc, Matthew Wade, Shane Watson, David Warner.



# Athletics picture nostalgia special from the 1990s ...



400m heat winner Gillian Cashell helps up Rachel Newcombe at the KP National Championships in Sheffield – June 12, 1994. Picture no: 14569786



Mark Gregory (fifth) and Andy Morgan-Lee (third) in the 5000 Metres Double at the Southern Mens Division 1. Picture no: 114569578



Jeremy Goldsmith and Myles Cottrell. May 20, 1992. Picture no: 14569780



Kriss Akabusi (right) leads Max Robertson at the Pearl Insurance UK Championships at Sheffield in 1992. Picture no: 14569650



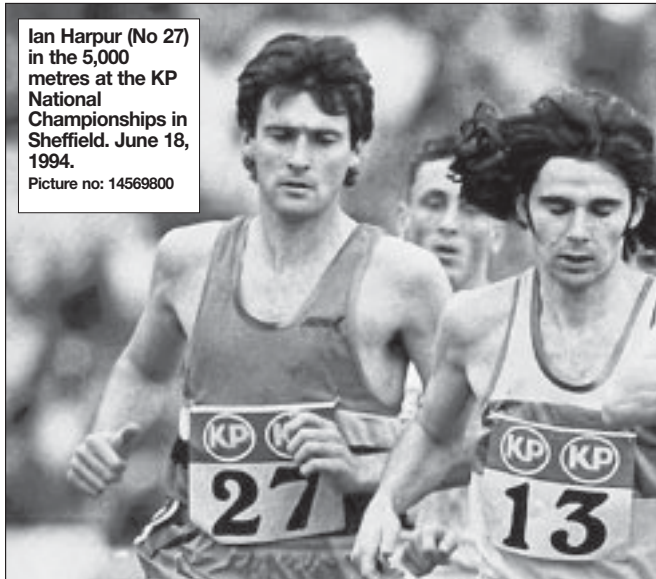
Left to right: Roger Black, John Regis and Linford Christie in a 200m Olympic trial, June 1992. Picture no: 14569626



Katie Wallace right beats Emma Davies in the 1995 Hants AA Championships U17 women's 1,500m. Picture no: 14569770



Nigel Gemmell, Mark Cooper and Adam Bridge who took the top three places in Stubbington 10k, April, 1993. Picture no: 14569555



Ian Harpur (No 27) in the 5,000 metres at the KP National Championships in Sheffield, June 18, 1994. Picture no: 14569800



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**Athletics picture nostalgia special from the 1990s ...**



Right to left: Dave Grindley, Roger Black, Mark Richardson, Peter Crampton and David McKenzie in the 400m at the Pearl Insurance UK Championships in Sheffield.  
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Southampton City Men's Team – August, 1994.  
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Matthew De Freitas holding second place in the Echo Mile. September 7, 1992.  
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Alis Avery, left, of the English Sports Council, presents IW Athletics Club secretary Ray Lovell with the 1997 VIP award.

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Right: Winchester & District Athletics Club's 1995 presentation night. Pictured: Natalie Veney, Helen Carter, Catherine Barnes, Grace Salaman, Rachel Townend, Emily Lowndes, Ian Hardcastle, Hannah Nicholson, Jo Hillier, Michael Noyce, Dawn Gandy, Matthew Patience, Matthew Long, Douglas Gardiner.

Picture no: 14569564



Havant AC's Tom Buckner (no 7) in the 3000m steeplechase at the Pearl Insurance UK Championships at Sheffield, June, 1992.  
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Hannah Vaile, Hannah Roscoe and Naomi Waygood in a U13 100m final, May, 1995.  
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## PREMIER LEAGUE

### 2012

Date KO v Opponent Comp Res

#### August 2012

Sat 18	15:00	A	Man City	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat 25	15:00	H	Wigan Athletic	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### September 2012

Sat 1	15:00	H	Man United	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat 15	15:00	A	Arsenal	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat 22	15:00	H	Aston Villa	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat 29	15:00	A	Everton	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### October 2012

Sat 6	15:00	H	Fulham	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat 20	15:00	A	West Ham Utd	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat 27	15:00	H	Tottenham	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### November 2012

Sat 3	15:00	A	WBA	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat 10	15:00	H	Swansea City	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date KO v Opponent Comp Res

#### November 2012

Sat 17	15:00	A	QPR	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat 24	15:00	H	Newcastle	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue 27	19:45	H	Norwich City	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### December 2012

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Sat 8	15:00	H	Reading	PREM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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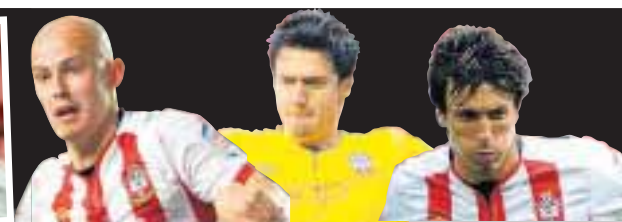
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## LEAGUE FIXTURES

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Date KO v Opponent Comp Res

### March 2013

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Sat 16	15:00	H	Liverpool	PREM	□ □
Sat 30	15:00	H	Chelsea	PREM	□ □

### April 2013

Sat 6	15:00	A	Reading	PREM	□ □
Sat 13	15:00	H	West Ham Utd	PREM	□ □
Sat 20	15:00	A	Swansea City	PREM	□ □
Sat 27	15:00	H	WBA	PREM	□ □

### May 2013

Sat 4	15:00	A	Tottenham	PREM	□ □
Sun 12	15:00	A	Sunderland	PREM	□ □
Sun 19	15:00	H	Stoke City	PREM	□ □

Date KO v Opponent Comp Res

### January 2013

Tue 1	15:00	H	Arsenal	PREM	□ □
Sat 12	15:00	A	Aston Villa	PREM	□ □
Sat 19	15:00	H	Everton	PREM	□ □
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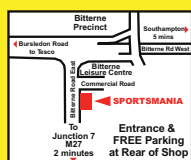
### February 2013

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Sat 9	15:00	H	Man City	PREM	□ □
Sat 23	15:00	A	Newcastle	PREM	□ □

### March 2013

Sat 2	15:00	H	QPR	PREM	□ □
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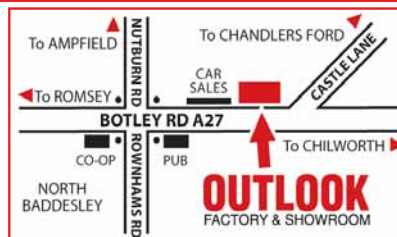
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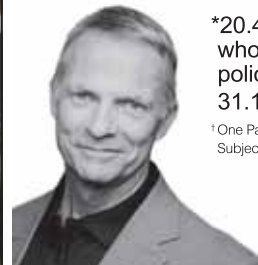
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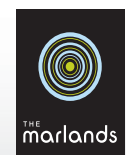
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# ROYALS fixtures 2012

## APRIL

12-15 Gloucestershire, home, LVCC –  
Gloucs 314 (D Balcombe 8-71) & 174 (D  
Balcombe 3-48, H Riazuddin 3-51),  
Hampshire 199 (S Katich 74) & 256 (M Bates  
87, C Wood 65).  
Hampshire lost by 33 runs.

19-22 Glamorgan, SWALEC, LVCC –  
Glamorgan 103-9 dec (D Balcombe 5-33) &  
256 (H Riazuddin 5-61), Hampshire 156 (L  
Dawson 32) & 204-8 (S Ervine 75, J Vince 28).  
Hampshire won by 2 wickets.

26-29 Leicestershire, h, LVCC –  
Leics 234 (L Dawson 5-29), Hampshire 217-4  
(M Carberry 84no, S Katich 54, S Ervine  
41no).  
Drawn

## MAY

2-5 Northants, Northampton, LVCC  
Northants 218 (C Wood 4-52) & 232-9 (C  
Wood 3-58, D Balcombe 3-70), Hampshire  
154 (J Vince 46no) & 179 (M Carberry 61).  
Hampshire lost by 117 runs.

7 Glamorgan, h, CB40  
Glamorgan 173-7 (K Ali 3-44), Hampshire  
151-2 (J Vince 83, M Carberry 60).  
Hampshire won on DL Method.

9-12 Derbyshire, h, LVCC  
Hampshire 352-8 dec (J Adams 122, B  
Shafayat 93), Derbyshire 403-9 dec (K  
Ali 3-60, J Tomlinson 3-101).  
Drawn

16-19 Yorkshire, Headingley, LVCC  
Hampshire 427 (S Katich 196, M Bates  
103, S Ervine 44) & 191-2 dec (S Katich  
61no, M Carberry 61no, J Adams 49),  
Yorkshire 399-9 dec (L Dawson 3-61).  
Drawn

20 Scotland, Uddingston, CB40  
Hampshire 220 (M Carberry 76), Scotland 131  
(K Ali 2-17, D Briggs 2-31).  
Hampshire won by 89 runs.

23-26 Glamorgan, h, LVCC  
Hampshire 316 (S Ervine 109, J Adams 42, M  
Bates 41) & 273 (J Adams 72, J Vince 48),  
Glamorgan 327 (D Balcombe 4-91) & 231 (K  
Ali 3-42, J Tomlinson 3-45).  
Hampshire won by 31 runs.

27 Somerset, Taunton, CB40  
Somerset 212-9, Hampshire 216-1 (M  
Carberry 103no, J Adams 56, J Vince 44no).  
Hampshire won by 9 wickets.

31 Nottinghamshire (F), h, CB40  
Notts 277-4, Hampshire 265 (S Ervine 68, M  
Carberry 54, J Adams 51, D Mascarenhas  
48).  
Hampshire lost by 12 runs.

## JUNE

3 Surrey, KIA Oval, CB40  
Surrey 76-1, match abandoned.

4 Scotland, h, CB40  
Scotland 230-9 (D Briggs 3-35), Hampshire  
234-4 (M Carberry 148no).  
Hampshire won by 6 wickets.

6-9 Kent, Tunbridge Wells, LVCC  
Hampshire 303-8 (L Dawson 134no, S Katich  
54), Kent 220-6.  
Match drawn

14 Sussex, Hove, FLt20  
Abandoned, no result  
15 Kent, Canterbury, FLt20  
19 Middlesex (F), h, FLt20  
20 Surrey (F), KIA Oval, FLt20  
22 Kent (F), h, FLt20  
27 Middlesex, Richmond, FLt20  
29 Essex (F), Chelmsford, FLt20  
30 Surrey, h, FLt20

## JULY

6 Sussex (F), h, FLt20  
8 Essex (F), h, FLt20  
11-14 Yorkshire, h, LVCC  
15 Durham, h, CB40  
17 Notts (F), Trent Bridge, CB40  
19-22 Essex, Chelmsford, LVCC  
24/25 FLt20 quarter-finals  
27-30 Kent, h, LVCC

## AUGUST

6-9 Gloucestershire, Bristol, LVCC  
10 Glamorgan (F), SWALEC, CB40  
14 Somerset (F), h, CB40  
15-18 Northamptonshire, h, LVCC  
19 Surrey, h, CB40  
21-24 Leics, Grace Road, LVCC  
24/25 FLt20 semi-finals/finals  
27 Durham, Chester-le-Street, CB40  
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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



TRIBUTE: Hampshire players stand with bowed heads in memory of young Surrey cricketer Tom Maynard. Below: floral and other tributes left at the Ageas Bowl.



TOM MAYNARD

# SILENT SORROW

**THE world of cricket has been in mourning all week following the tragic death of Tom Maynard.**

Players from Glamorgan and Surrey, the counties Maynard played for during his all-too-brief career, were particularly affected, writes **SIMON WALTER**. It was only right that Hampshire's Friends Life t20 game against Surrey at The Oval, originally scheduled for Wednesday night, was postponed as a mark of respect.

So too was Glamorgan's match as cricket united in grief.

A poignant minute's silence was held before Hampshire's game against Middlesex, played less than 12 hours after news of the tragedy broke.

Hampshire duo James Vince and Danny Briggs had played alongside Maynard for England Lions in Bangladesh in January.

So it was all the more impressive that Vince – wearing a black armband like everyone else – should respond with an unbeaten 64, which included a six

over cover that Maynard would have been proud of.

Although I never met him, I bore witness to Maynard's incredible talent on a couple of occasions last season.

Last May, Hampshire came across a player who looked destined to play for England when they took on Surrey in a Clydesdale Bank40 match at Whitgift School.

Maynard thumped a powerful 79 from only 57 balls.

I recall taking evasive action as one of Maynard's many boundaries that day – he hit six fours

and three sixes – homed in on the press tent.

Simon Jones was on the receiving end of some of the punishment dealt by a player he had known as a young boy at Glamorgan.

Two months later, Maynard top scored against Hampshire again, lighting up The Oval with two more sixes in a 38-ball 47 that helped inflict a rare defeat on the t20 champions in a day-night match.

Maynard's Surrey teammate and former Hampshire bowler Chris Tremlett took 4-16 that night.



**SADNESS:** Hampshire Chairman Rod Bransgrove, left, and club secretary Tim Tremlett with players, staff and spectators pay tribute to Tom Maynard.



**CHRIS TREMLETT** was one of many cricketers who took to Twitter to express their sadness. Here are some of the comments:

**CHRIS TREMLETT:** RIP Tom Maynard. Such a sad loss to everyone that knew him and thoughts are with his family. Absolutely gutted. Will be missed xx One of the toughest days... Thoughts are with everyone involved in this tragic day. Still cannot believe it. ?RIPTom?

**SIMON JONES:** "Don't know what to say or do, bruiser you'll be sorely missed, you were a special person and talent! Love you bro,"

**JAMES VINCE:** "Absolutely devastating news about Tom Maynard. He was a legend of a guy and seriously talented cricketer. Can't actually believe this has happened"

**DANNY BRIGGS:** "So shocked to hear the news about Tom Maynard, ?RIPTom?"

**MICHAEL CARBERRY:** "RIP Tom Maynard! Lovely guy with a bright future. So so sad for cricket and his family."

**LIAM DAWSON:** "Sad to lose a serious cricketer. All thoughts are with the Maynards at this horrific time. RIP Tom maynard."

**DIMI MASCARENHAS:** "My thoughts and prayers go out to Matt Maynard family and friends at this horrendous time.. Tom will be missed by many.. Sad sad time.."

**SEAN ERVINE:** "Unbelievable shocking news! I feel cold! Thoughts and prayers are with the Maynard family.. ?RIPTOM"

**DAVID GRIFFITHS:** "Shocking news about Tom Maynard, very talented young cricketer. My thoughts and prayers go to this family. RIPTOM you will be missed!"

**SHAUN UDAL:** Oh my god Tom Maynard what terrible news thoughts with mattmaynard25 and family, feel awful, such a great lad **HAMZA RIAZUDDIN:** Never been so shocked and devastated before...we have lost not only an incredibly talented cricketer but also an outstanding guy..! RIP

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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

## VARIETY SHOW

Whatever the  
format  
- Dan  
is the  
man



### DANNY Briggs has the potential to play for England in all formats.

So says ECB Lead Spin Coach Peter Such as the Hampshire spinner prepares to spend his Sunday afternoon making his Twenty20 international debut against West Indies at Trent Bridge.

The 21-year-old impressed on his one-day international debut against Pakistan in March, taking 2-39 as England completed a 3-0 series win in Dubai.

And, having been left out of the squad for the ODI series against the Windies - which concluded at Headingley yesterday - he was named in the 14-man squad for the only Twenty20 game against the tourists.

Briggs was left out of the final XI when he was selected for two Twenty20 internationals against the Windies at the end of last season, but he has been the most successful domestic t20 bowler - of any nationality - in recent seasons.

And Such believes he can develop into a Test bowler.

The former England off-spinner said: "Danny's an exceptional bowler in all formats.

"I think it's wrong of people to pigeon-hole young players like Danny as being a certain type of bowler.

"He's earned his selection in the squad and has performed well for Hampshire for a couple of years, not just in t20.

"At his age he'll have more opportunities in the limited-overs formats but he has a lot of time on his side.

"And he's done well in all forms [for Hampshire and the England Lions].

"He was the leading first-class wicket taker for the Lions in the Caribbean at the beginning of last year and last winter he was the best bowler on the England Performance programme.

"He's very much a work in

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progress but he did very well on his ODI debut against Pakistan, a quality side who play spin bowling well.

"His temperament is exceptional, he doesn't appear fazed by too much, he just gets on with it.

"He's good at varying his pace and bowls consistently in the right areas."

This rain-ravaged season has been a frustrating one for all cricketers, but particularly spinners.

Briggs took 116 wickets at 31.9 and last July became the youngest English spinner since Derek Underwood to reach the century.

This year, though, he has been limited to two LV County Championship appearances.

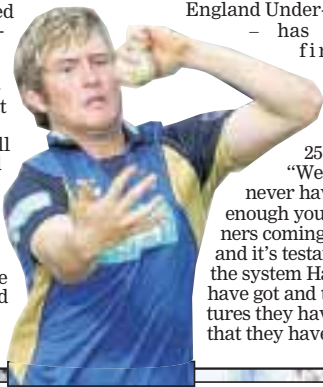
"Danny hasn't played too much this year and the conditions haven't helped," said Such.

"It's frustrating because he just needs to play and bowl. But I'm sure he'll get more opportunities as the weather improves and the country dries out!"

With Briggs restricted to two Championship outings, fellow slow left-arter Liam Dawson - a former England Under-19 captain

- has taken 14 first-class wickets at a not too shabby 25.4 apiece.

"We can never have enough young spinners coming through and it's testament to the system Hampshire have got and the structures they have in place that they have produced



Danny and Liam," said Such.

"As a batter who bowls, Liam's a different sort of cricketer but he has the potential to develop into a genuine all-rounder."

**SPIN KINGS:**  
Danny Briggs,  
main picture,  
and Liam  
Dawson, inset  
left, are two  
young spinners  
who promise a  
good future for  
Hampshire.

## ROYALS fixtures 2012

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### SEPTEMBER

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11-14 Derbyshire, Derby, LVCC  
15 CB40 final, Lords.

### KEY:

LVCC (LV County Championship division two),  
CB40 (Clydesdale Bank40), FLT20 (Friends Life  
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### This week's fixtures

#### TODAY

**First One Day International**  
Belfast: Ireland v Australia.

#### Friends Life t20

**Northampton:** Northamptonshire v  
Worcestershire.  
**Cardiff:** Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.

#### TOMORROW

**NatWest International Twenty20 Match**  
Trent Bridge: England v West Indies.

#### Friends Life t20

**Hove:** Sussex v Essex.  
**Scarborough:** Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.  
**Canterbury:** Kent v Hampshire (3pm).

#### Varsity Match

Oxford University v Cambridge MCCU, The  
Parks (11am)

#### Monday, June 25

**Friends Life t20**  
Lancashire v Durham, Old Trafford (7.10pm)

#### Tuesday, June 26

**Tour Match**  
Essex v Australia, Chelmsford, 14:00

#### Friends Life t20

Northamptonshire v Somerset, Northampton,  
(6:50pm)  
Kent v Middlesex, Canterbury (7.10pm)  
**Women's Twenty20 Match**  
England Women v India Women, Canterbury,  
(3.10pm)

#### Wednesday, June 27

**Friends Life t20**  
Durham v Derbyshire, Emirates Durham ICG,  
(5.30pm)  
Gloucestershire v Warwickshire, Bristol  
(5.30pm)  
Middlesex v Hampshire, Old Deer Park  
(5.30pm)  
Leicestershire v Yorkshire, Grace Road  
(5.40pm)

#### Thursday, June 28

**Friends Life t20**  
Essex v Sussex, Chelmsford (7.10pm)  
**Women's Twenty20 Match**  
England Women v India Women, Chelmsford,  
(11am)

#### Friday, 29 June 2012

**NatWest One Day International Series**  
England v Australia, Lord's (10.45am)  
**Friends Life t20**  
Somerset v Gloucestershire, Taunton (5:30pm)  
Worcestershire v Glamorgan, New Road  
(5:30pm)  
Yorkshire v Lancashire, Headingley Carnegie,  
(5:40pm)  
Nottinghamshire v Durham, Trent Bridge  
(6pm)  
Northamptonshire v Warwickshire,  
Northampton, (6.50pm)  
Derbyshire v Leicestershire, Derby (7pm)  
Essex v Hampshire, Chelmsford (7pm)  
Sussex v Kent, The PROBIZ County Ground,  
Hove (7.10pm)

#### Saturday, June 30

**Test match series**  
**Second Test Match**  
Sri Lanka v Pakistan, Colombo (SSC) (6am)  
**International Twenty20 Series**  
West Indies v New Zealand, Lauderhill (8pm)  
**Friends Life t20**  
Hampshire v Surrey, Ageas Bowl, 14:40  
Glamorgan v Northamptonshire, Swalec  
Stadium, (6pm)

#### Sunday, July 1

**NatWest One Day International Series**  
England v Australia, The Kia Oval (10:45am)  
**International Twenty20 Series**  
West Indies v New Zealand, Lauderhill (7pm)

**NatWest Women's One Day International Series**  
England Women v India Women, Lord's  
(11am)

#### Friends Life t20

Durham v Leicestershire, Emirates Durham  
ICG, (2:30pm)  
Lancashire v Derbyshire, Old Trafford  
(2.30pm)  
Somerset v Worcestershire, Taunton (2.30pm)

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# Local Cricket Spotlight

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## Bowlers wide of the mark as unbeaten record falls to Andover

**THE rain ravaged Hampshire League season is approaching its halfway stage with only two County Division 1 sides still unbeaten.**

And had the wet weather not put paid to Portsmouth & Southsea's visit to Ryde last weekend, it would have been one solitary team boasting an unblemished start, **writes MIKE VIM-PANY.**

The top pair have suffered more than most with cancellations – four of their scheduled seven matches prior to today having been washed out.

Six clubs have lost just once – three of them for a first time in last weekend's truncated programme.

St Cross Symondians III saw their 100 per cent record disappear to the then bottom team Andover II, title favourites Waterlooville at Portchester, and Purbrook against Locks Heath, who bounced back after two straight defeats.

Captaining a side from behind the stumps is a trying occupation at the best of times – and more so when your bowlers can't bowl straight!

Tom Postle, St Cross Symondians' captain, is having more than his fair share of frustration.

Against Alton II the previous week, he was sprawling about on his hands and knees as St Cross tossed down 55 wickets – yet still won the match.

That was on an unusually still, warm afternoon, so imagine what Postle went through when a strong, almost gale force wind swept across Andover's London Road ground last weekend?

Another half-century of extras followed – and how Andover, who had lost their previous four games, cashed in with 263-9, openers Steve Ott (47) and Howard Royce (39) blitzing 100 runs off the first 13 overs.

Struggling to bowl a line and length in the strong wind, St Cross experienced a torrid 50-over stint in the field as Harry Blackburn (36), Matt Knight (31) and Joe Andrews (25) piled on the agony.

But everything looked rosy as Alex Figden (42) and Alex Smith (44) hit back with a 90-run start off 14 overs for St Cross, who were asked to get 174 off a rain-cut 27 overs.

But the Winchester side suffered an amazing collapse, losing eight wickets



**ONE-MAN SHOW:** Andover's Harry Blackburn hit 36 and took 4-45 against St Cross.

for 21 runs – Blackburn completing a fine day's work by taking 4-45 and Royce 3-26 – before falling to 146 all out.

Waterlooville's collapse at Cams Hill School was almost as dramatic – the visitors, tagged by many as title favourites, losing their first six wickets for 42 runs in the first ten overs.

The Ville, courtesy of some late resistance, made it up to 105 all out – a total they had little prospect of defending and duly lost by seven wickets to Portchester, for whom Rich Locke made 43.

Jamie Ryan, the club's Western Australian-based all-rounder, was once again to the fore, taking 5-23 with his left-arm seam.

"Jamie has made a huge difference and already has two five-wicket hauls under his belt, along with a century and a 50," beamed Portchester skipper Paul Hungerford.

"Batsmen are finding it impossible to get him away and each week his ten overs rarely go for more than 17 runs."

Saints fan Ryan has certainly made himself pretty popular in the Portchester dressing room, this week admitting that Zac Efron's High School Musical is his favourite movie!

Losing back-to-back matches isn't something Locks Heath have become accustomed to of late, so beating Purbrook by 15 runs in a rain-trimmed Warsash Road affair was a timely result.

When Sean Figgins called correctly and put Locks Heath in, early wickets tumbled, with Mike Boyd soon joined by the Richardson brothers back in the pavilion.

"Scott Jones stuck in there for a patient 20 and Chris Boyd batted well for 40, but we were struggling to post a decent score until Liam Moggeridge (39) and Peter Bleack (19) came together and got us over the 200-mark," Jon Richardson said.

"The 203 all out we made was a very competitive score considering the conditions."

Purbrook's reply was delayed slightly



**TON-DERFUL:** Callum Maher hit 103 for Bashley (Rydal).

## HOW THEY STAND

### COUNTY DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	Bt	Bw	Ttl	Av
Portsmouth & S'sea	3	3	0	20	11	67	22.33
Ryde	3	3	0	17	12	65	21.67
Bashley (Rydal) II	5	4	1	30	20	98	19.60
Portchester	5	4	1	26	23	97	19.40
St Cross Syms III	5	4	1	26	19	93	18.60
Waterlooville	4	3	1	20	15	71	17.75
Rowledge II	3	2	1	15	12	51	17.00
Purbrook*	4	2	1	19	18	67	16.75
Locks Heath	5	3	2	24	21	81	16.20
Hook & N Basics II	4	2	2	24	14	62	15.50
Midhurst	5	2	3	26	14	64	12.80
Fareham & Crofton	4	1	3	22	12	46	11.50
Idlers*	4	1	2	13	14	45	11.25
Lymington II	5	1	4	22	16	50	10.00
Alton II	4	1	3	13	12	37	9.25
Andover II	5	1	4	13	13	38	7.60
Ellingham	4	0	4	13	9	22	5.50
Bedhampton	4	0	4	10	8	18	4.50
*Tied match							

due to the rain and their target was reassessed to 199 off 47 overs.

Matt Bashford picked up a wicket in the first over, which brought Queenslander Leigh Drennan to the crease.

"But we dropped first ball in the slips – and he went on to get 82," Richardson groaned.

"James King then picked up a wicket in the second over of the innings, which gave us a great start."

Purbrook started to build a decent partnership and it took the change bowlers of Dave Lemon and Peter Bleack (3-26) to tighten the run rate and put Locks Heath back on top.

All the time Drennan was in, Purbrook – despite the run rate increasing – had a chance but Mike Boyd eventually got the Australian and the visitors finished 184-9 off their 47 overs.

After experiencing the acute disappointment of relegation the previous season, Bashley (Rydal) II are delighted to be fourth in the log.

And no one at the BCG had a broader smile on his face this week than Callum Maher who hit 103 in his side's thumping 127-run win over basement boys Bedhampton at Bidbury Mead.

Maier shared a 150-run partnership with the ever-youthful Sean Lilley (56) as Bashley (Rydal) posted a towering 278-5.

Brockenhurst College student James Rapson took 5-24 – his Bashley figures – as Bedhampton were dismissed for 161.

Scott Myers should have been playing in Alton's postponed Premier Division match against Havant – but beefed up the club's previously unsuccessful second team at Lymington instead.

His 53, scored during a 94-run opening stand with Andy Postles (61) carried Alton past Lymington's abridged total of 163 off 47 overs.

Lymington were struggling from 15-3 onwards – Ben Mortimer took 2-49 – with Tim Noble (29) holding the fort up front.

Simon Naylor (27) gave the middle-order some solidarity, but it was largely due to young Kier Moore (30) at the end that Lymington reached 174 all out.

A blustery afternoon at Leckford witnessed one of the more memorable games with Idlers recording their first victory of the season over Midhurst.

Highlights included the industrial sized sight screens toppling over four times, a marvellous one-handed catch by George Shepherd, and the Idlers opening bowlers, Martin Clements and Nick Lawrence, clinching the match with an unbroken 31 run ninth-wicket partnership.

Midhurst were inserted and started slowly on a Baker's Farm surface where stroke play proved difficult.

Tom Atkins (32) batted sensibly but was tied down by an accurate opening attack and a steady fall of wickets at the other end.

When he fell to a one handed catch of Steve Haugh's second ball Midhurst were teetering at 61-5.

Tim Dixon and Tim Powell played their shots and added 50 for the sixth wicket before Lawrence (3-25) returned and had Dixon caught at the wicket.

Chris Warde (4-33) bowled with swing and guile and picket up regular wickets.

Set 140 to win, Idlers got off to the worst possible start with the top five batsmen managing just 26 between them.

A timely rain break took the players from the field for 65 minutes and on resuming the target was reduced to 105 from 29 overs.

Nick Warde (34) made inroads on the target but when he was bowled all hope vanished.

Step up Lawrence (16\*) and Clements (12\*) who hit the ball into gaps and ran aggressively to keep the target in reach.

Lawrence then struck a six and a four off consecutive balls he faced and left only two required from the last over, which Idlers duly got.



# Local Cricket Spotlight

## Taylor's unique chart double

DAVE Taylor, Totton & Eling's hard hitting left-hander, finds himself in a unique position in the Southern Electric Premier League – by being the leading run scorer in two separate divisions!

Taylor's adult world record 330 not out against Trojans on the opening day of the season keeps him on top of the Division 3 batting charts, although Liphook & Ripsley opener Peter Woodland is closing him down fast.

Woodland has hit scores of 105 and 68 not out in the past two weeks, and is now only eight runs adrift.

But now Taylor's name also appears at the top of the Premier Division run scoring charts – his unbeaten century against the Hampshire Academy last week raising his aggregate to 265.

Glenn Maxwell's 12 wickets in the past two weeks for South Wits has put the Victorian off-spin all-rounder top of the bowling charts.

Another spinner, Tichborne Park's Ed Berry, pictured, has gone to the top of the SPL3 bowling charts with a 17-wicket haul for the Alesford club.

Leading performers:

### ECB PREMIER DIVISION

Batting: Dave Taylor (Totton & Eling) 265, Charlie Esson (St Cross Symondians) 203, Oli Green (Academy) 185, James Hayward (South Wits) 172, Ian Hillsom (Ventnor), Adam Hose (Ventnor) 170, Glenn Maxwell (South Wits) 169, Owen Alsop (South Wits) 168, James Halson (Academy) 150.

Bowling: Glenn Maxwell (South Wits) 19, Owen Alsop (South Wits) 17, Matt Perry-Lewis (St Cross Symondians) 15, Tom Barber (Academy) 13, Jez Ord (Havant) 12, Darron Augustus (Totton & Eling) 12, Richard Logan (St Cross Symondians) 12, James Hibberd (South Wits) 11, Kevin Nash (Bashley Rydal) 11.

Wicketkeeping: Tom Morton (South Wits) 9, Jez Bull (Havant) 8, Lewis McManus (Academy) 8, Ed Ellis (Lymington) 7, Nigel Bungay (Totton & Eling) 6.

### DIVISION 2

Batting: Derek Kenway (Burridge) 294, Alex Styles (Burridge) 218, Nick Wilcock (Hook & NB) 194, Ryan Beck (New Milton) 192, Tristen McDonald (Rowledge) 191, Ben Thane (Hook & NB) 178, Jonty Hadfield (Andover) 174, Rob Atkins (Hambledon) 164, Jordan Silk (Burridge) 163, Peter Hammond (Sarsbury Athletic) 161.

Bowling: Paul Ancell (Burridge) 12, Dan Loader (New Milton) 12, Ben Thane (Hook & NB) 12, Dan Hewitt (Hambledon) 12, Kevin Poulter (Hook & NB) 11, Luke Graham (Andover) 11, Greg Thew (Burridge) 11, Shane Brewer (Hook & NB) 11.

Wicketkeeping: Ross Hunter (Hook & NB) 9, Nick Scutt (Hambledon) 8, Jamie Rood (Burridge) 6, Ian Metcalfe (Rowledge) 5.

### DIVISION 3

Batting: Dave Taylor (Totton & Eling) 330, Peter Woodland (Liphook & Ripsley) 322, Damian Carson (US) 257, Andy Galliers (Havant) 230, James Mitchell (229), Richard Partington (Gosport Boro) 228, Tom Allam (Tichborne Park) 226, Ali Cheyne (Langley Manor) 213, Mark Thorne (Fair Oak) 209, Chris McDermott (Hursley Park) 204.

Bowling: Ed Berry (Tichborne Park) 17, Joe Lovett (Fair Oak) 15, Tom Allam (Tichborne Park) 14, Oli Green (Hursley Park) 13, Nick Wheeler (Hursley Park) 13.

Wicketkeeping: Nigel le Bas (Trojans) 9, Darren Vann (Calmore Sports) 7, Sam Pittman (South Wits) 7, Tom Arnold (Totton & Eling) 7, Chris Martin (Liphook & Ripsley) 7, David Lyons (Tichborne Park) 7, Lee Carroll (US) 6.

## Burridge banish early season blues

THREE wins on the spin has swept Burridge into the frame at the top of Southern Electric Premier League Division 2.

Skipper Rick Ankers must have feared a repeat of last season's struggles when Burridge, whose ground was completely waterlogged early on, lost their opening two matches to OT's & Romsey and Rowledge.

But impressive wins over Paultons – when Derek Kenway and Alex Styles shared an amazing triple century opening partnership – Andover and New Milton have lifted Burridge to third place in the log, effectively five points behind leaders Rowledge.

Burridge's recent successes are reflected in the overall Division 2 statistics, with Kenway and Styles topping the batting charts, and the ever-green Paul Ancell sitting top in the wicket-taking stakes.

New South Wales Under-19 batsman Jordan Silk came to the party with a match winning 91 against New Milton last week, while teenager Greg Thew is enjoying a fine season with both bat and ball.

Ringwood-based Thew joined Burridge from Bournemouth last season and is really making his mark as a middle-order batsman and new ball bowler.

He has scored two half-centuries and taken 11 wickets so far.



**BURRIDGE:** Back row (from left): Cameron White, Greg Thew, Nick McMurray, Sullivan White, Alex Styles, Jordan Silk. Front: Derek Kenway, Peter Wild, Rick Ankers, Paul Ancell, Jeremy Wright.

## SEPL GREEN LIGHT FOR BASINGSTOKE

**BASINGSTOKE & North Hants are eagerly awaiting the fresh challenge Southern Electric Premier League cricket will bring next season.**

They got the formal nod to join in midweek when existing clubs voted overwhelmingly at a specially convened EGM to allow the long-established May's Bounty Club to switch their two senior sides across from the Thames Valley League next summer.

"We've had debate on the issue for a few years now, we as a club feel the time is right for us to move," said Basingstoke chairman Andy Giles.

"Having fallen a couple of Divisions in the Home Counties Premier League pyramid and with a new chairman and new captain at the helm, we think the move will give us a new challenge and impetus."

Under the new move, Basingstoke's first and second teams will take up berths in the SPL's reshaped third and fourth divisions.

The Premier League will operate with four divisions, each of ten teams, in 2013 with the existing Division 3 being split.

It means the numerical strength of the SPL being increased by two to 40 teams – and Basingstoke will take up the two new slots.

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Basingstoke's first team will now take up the tenth spot in the new Division 3, with the May's Bounty second string doing likewise in the newly formed Division 4.

The switch means that, for the first time since structured cricket was introduced into Hampshire recreational cricket in the mid-1970s, Basingstoke will have all five of their sides playing in the county pyramid.

"We're delighted to have all 5 teams within the same Southern Premier League/HCL structure – and at a level we believe is suitable for them," Giles added.

"We're very grateful to SPL/HCB/HCL for brokering a fair deal which has made all this possible – and to SPL clubs for attending the EGM on Wednesday and supporting the proposal so convincingly."

"We are also keen to become very much part of the Hampshire cricket scene."

Basingstoke & North Hants captain Dan Coombs was also delighted with the news of his club's election.

"It's a massive move for the club," he said.

"Over the past two years or so we've slightly gone down hill on our playing side so playing in a new envi-



**MASSIVE MOVE:** Basingstoke & North Hants captain Dan Coombs was delighted with the news of his club's election to the SEPL.

ronment and against fresh opposition will be a great challenge for our young squad.

"We will prefer playing the straight result format the Southern Electric Premier League has, as opposed to cricket in which draws are an option and in which there is no limitation on bowlers."

"Playing all our matches in Hampshire from next season onwards will also help and hopefully enable us to attract new players."

"Thames Valley League cricket has us on the M3 every other Saturday and on to the outskirts of London

and deep into Buckinghamshire, so there will be less travelling, which is an enormous bonus."

Geographically, Basingstoke's historic May's Bounty ground is within easy reach of Premier League clubs from the Southampton and Winchester areas.

Premier League chairman Paul Thompson was equally delighted with the overwhelming support Premier League clubs gave to Basingstoke's request to join leagues.

"It's a tremendous news to get a club of Basingstoke's standing in the Premier League pyramid."

"We are reorganising in 2013 so their timing is spot-on."

"It means a potentially Gold accredited county standard out-ground coming into our league, and our cricketers will thoroughly enjoy the experience of playing at May's Bounty."

The switch means the end of Basingstoke's 40-year association with Thames Valley League cricket and the ECB Home Counties Premier League pyramid.

"They have been an absolute credit to the TVL over four decades. They are a very well run club and a pleasure to deal with."

"They go with our good wishes," said leading Thames Valley League official John Goodman.

**COVERAGE OF THIS WEEKEND'S SEPL GAMES IN MONDAY'S ECHO**



# Local Cricket Spotlight

## HOW THEY STAND

### SEPL ONE

	P	W	L	Bs	Pts	Ave
South Wilts	6	6	0	56	126	21
St Cross	5	4	1	33	81	16.2
Lymington	4	2	2	28	52	13
Bashley Rydal	4	2	2	28	50	12.5
Totton & Eling	5	2	3	39	61	12.2
Havant	5	2	3	33	57	11.4
Hants Academy	6	2	4	43	65	10.8
Alton	4	1	3	22	36	8.5
Bournemouth	4	2	2	28	50	7.5
Ventnor	5	1	4	24	36	7.2

### SEPL ONE

	P	W	L	Bs	Pts	Ave
Rowledge	4	3	1	28	64	16
Sarisbury Ath +	4	2	1	32	62	15.5
Burridge	5	3	2	39	75	15
Hook & NB +	6	3	2	46	88	14.7
Andover	5	3	2	37	73	14.6
Hambledon	6	3	3	50	86	14.3
New Milton	6	3	3	38	74	12.3
OTs & Romsey *	5	2	3	33	57	11.4
Paultons	4	1	3	21	33	8.25
H Wintney *	5	1	4	27	39	6.8

\* points deducted + tie

### SEPL ONE

	P	W	L	Bs	Pts	Ave
Totton & Eling II	7	6	1	57	129	18.4
Hursley Park	6	5	1	49	109	18.2
L'hook & Ripsley	6	5	1	46	106	17.7
Fawley	4	3	1	34	70	17.5
Titchborne Park	6	4	2	49	97	16.2
United Services	6	4	2	48	96	16
Havant II	5	3	2	40	76	15.2
Fair Oak	5	3	2	41	72	14.4
Langley Manor	5	3	2	36	72	14.4
Trojans	6	3	3	37	73	12.2
Calmore Sports	5	2	3	31	55	11
South Wilts II	6	2	4	36	60	10
Portsmouth	6	2	4	41	55	9.17
Bournemouth II	6	3	3	38	74	8
Sparsholt	5	1	4	28	40	6.2
Gosport	5	0	5	31	31	5.5
St Cross II	5	0	5	27	27	5.4
Easton & MW	6	0	6	13	13	2.17

## Manic Monday

**THE Winchester & District CA Titchborne Trophy quarter-finals take place on Monday evening, with the pick of the ties being the Hursley Park-St Cross Symondians match at The Quarters.**

**Monday's ties: Bishop's Waltham v Winchester KS, Hursley Park v St Cross Symondians, Longparish v Ropley, Titchborne Park v Castaways.**

# CUP CHANCES LOOKING GOOD FOR MORTON MEN

**SOUTH Wilts are licking their lips at the prospect of further cup glory after landing another juicy home draw in the ECB Kingfisher national club championship fifth round.**

Their reward for knocking out Bath and Sully Centurions – both champions of their respective ECB Premier Leagues – is an attractive pairing with either Bridgwater or Bovey Tracey in a fortnight's time.

The pair began their zone final in The Parks last weekend, but heavy rain led to the tie being abandoned at tea.

The respective leaders of the West of England and Devon Premier Leagues replay in Somerset tomorrow.

The reward for victory is a visit to Bemerton on Sunday, July 8.

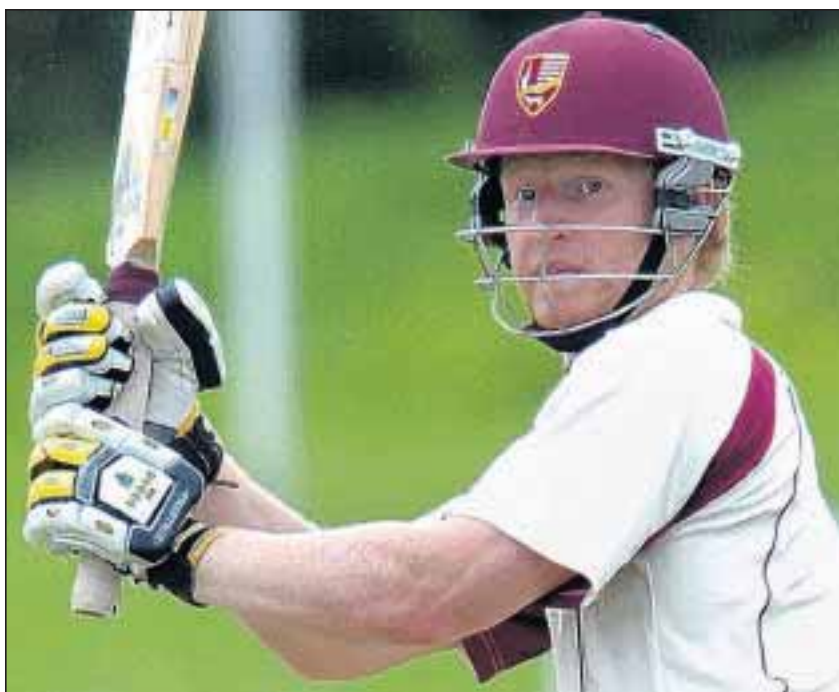
Since knocking out local Southern Electric Premier League rivals Totton & Eling and Bournemouth in the early rounds, South Wilts really have been celebrating with their Kingfisher beer.

They've beaten both Bath (179) and Sully Centurions (156-8) by defending relatively modest totals.

"Our out-cricket has been outstanding," says Tom Morton, who captains SW in cup competitions.

"We've bowled well and some of our fielding and catching has been on a different plane.

"We've applied pressure on both Bath and Sully and on



**EYING A QUARTER-FINAL PLACE:** South Wilts skipper Tom Morton.

both occasions they've cracked."

What has been interesting is watching sides go about their task of chasing down South Wilts' totals.

In days or old, one of the top three batsmen would drop anchor and underpin a run chase.

Had one of the Bath or Sully top order adopted that approach, the results might have been different.

But the game plan nowa-

days seems gung-ho – and in the case of Bath and Sully last week suicidal.

On both counts, the batsmen tried to hit the cover off the ball, culminating in top order collapses – and the lower order being left with too much to do.

Local cricket could have a second side in the last 16 if Havant win their delayed Group 11 final against Spencer in Earlsfield tomorrow.

The sides were due to have met last weekend, but the Spencer ground was closed after a fallen tree led to three young children being injured the previous day.

If Havant win – and Spencer are riding high at the top of Division 1 of the Ryman's Surrey Championship – they will entertain Middlesex Premier League leaders Teddington on July 8.

Teddington dumped Ealing out in the last round.

## Home for Tea

IT'S home sweet home for Southern Electric Premier League Division 2 pair Paultons and Rowledge in the opening national round of the Yorkshire Tea Village Cup on Sunday week, July 1.

Paultons' reward for a 31-run victory over Easton & Martyr Worthy in the Hampshire final is a home tie against Bridgwater-based Somerset winners, Wembdon, at Whitemoor Lane.

Paultons posted 223-4 at Cocketts Mead, with Rob O'Brien (74 not out) and Stewart Magee (58) top scoring, but Tony Richman hitting a breezy 25 not out after Mark Padwick had taken three wickets.

Handily placed at 92-2, Easton collapsed against the left-arm spin of four-wicket Andrew Denney and John Robinson, whose medium-pace outswing brought a three-wicket reward.

Rowledge bowled Frensham for 131 (Tim Wheatley 3-29) and won by nine wickets in the Surrey county final – Hampshire Under-15 batsman Will Arnold hitting a half-century – and will now play Kent winners, Sibton Park.

Rowledge look to have the far tougher of the two ties as Sibton Park are currently top of Kent League Division 1, the feeder league into the Premier Division.

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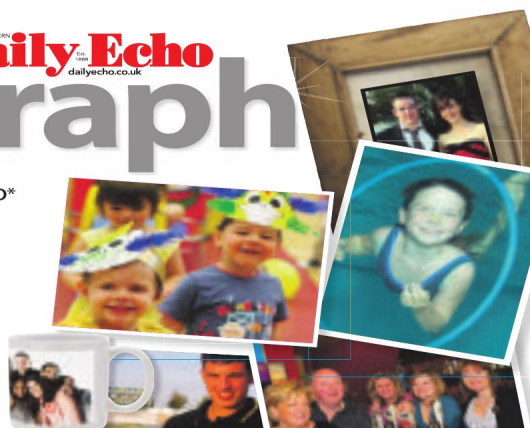
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● A New Forest team member in shot put action.

## Hampshire Schools Games Results 2012

### Friday

#### Athletics MLD

1st North East Hampshire, 2nd Basingstoke & Deane, 3rd Fareham

#### Athletics PD

1st Fareham 2, 2nd Fareham 1, 3rd South Eastleigh & Winchester

#### Athletics VI

1st North Eastleigh & Winchester

#### Basketball

1st Portsmouth, 2nd Isle of Wight, 3rd South Eastleigh & Winchester

#### Boccia MLD/PD

1st Portsmouth, 2nd Perins (East Hampshire), 3rd Fareham

#### Boccia SLD/PMLD

1st Southampton, 2nd Fareham, 3rd Southampton

#### Football 5 & 6

1st Southampton, 2nd Portsmouth 1, 3rd Portsmouth 2 / Basingstoke

#### Football 7 & 8

1st North Eastleigh & Winchester, 2nd Basingstoke & Deane, 3rd Perins (East Hampshire)

#### Football 9 & 10

1st Portsmouth, 2nd North Eastleigh & Winchester, 3rd New Forest

#### Football Skills - Girls Football

1st Havant, 2nd New Forest, 3rd Portsmouth

#### Tri Golf

1st North East Hampshire, 2nd Havant, 3rd Basingstoke & Deane

#### Hockey

1st Havant, 2nd North East Hampshire, 3rd New Forest

#### Netball

1st Basingstoke & Deane, 2nd Perins (East Hampshire), 3rd North Eastleigh & Winchester

#### New Age Kurling MLD/PD

1st Portsmouth, 2nd Perins (East Hampshire), 3rd Portsmouth

#### New Age Kurling SLD/PMLD

1st North Eastleigh & Winchester, 2nd Southampton, 3rd Portsmouth

#### Rugby

1st New Forest, 2nd New Forest, =3rd Basingstoke & Deane and Basingstoke & Deane.

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● Portsmouth v Havant rugby action.



● Winchester in boccia action.

## PROMISING young sports stars from across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight took part in the annual Youth Games in Aldershot.

More than 3,000 young people competed in the Hampshire Games across a range of sports, including athletics, girls football, golf, hockey, basketball, squash, swimming, Tri-Golf, football skills, boccia, new age kurling, tennis, judo, table tennis, netball, gymnastics and Badminton at the town's military facilities.

In attendance at the Games' opening ceremony on the first day were GB goalball player Adam Knott and England netballer Mia Ritchie.

Ritchie and Helen Turner, a GB Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball player, opened the ceremony on the second day along with dancing stars Kai Widdrington and Natalia Jeved, recent finalists on *Britain's Got Talent*.

The Hampshire & IoW Youth Games is one of more than 60 regional events that are taking place across the country this summer and are encouraging more young people to participate in competitive school and community sport.

The Hampshire Games is backed by National Lottery funding through Sport England.



● Perins School cycling action.

spokesman said: "It is fully inclusive and increases the opportunities for young people to take part in sport throughout the year, offering some young people their first taste of county-wide competition.

"The Games uses the inspiration of London's Olympics and Paralympics to transform competitive sport in schools and the community and get more young people playing sport."

PING! Table Tennis launched their new pro-

gramme backed by National Lottery funding from CAMPAIGN Sport England.

PING! is delivered in partnership with local county councils and the English Tennis Association.

The first PING! pong events in Hampshire will be held in Eastleigh, New Forest and Winchester.

Ritchie, said: "It was great to see



# HAMPSHIRE YOUTH GAMES 2012 PICTURES -



# shire Youth Games +++ 2012 Hampshire Youth



● Southampton tag rugby.



● Isle of Wight v Perins hockey.



● Relay action.



● Test Valley table tennis.

## Saturday

### Badminton 5 & 6

1st Portsmouth, 2nd Fareham, 3rd Portsmouth

### Badminton 7 & 8

1st Fareham, 2nd Portsmouth, 3rd Portsmouth

### Basketball Boys

1st Rushmoor, 2nd New Forest, 3rd Portsmouth 1

### Basketball Girls

1st Portsmouth 2, 2nd Rushmoor, 3rd Portsmouth 1

### Girls Football

1st Portsmouth, 2nd Havant, 3rd Winchester

### Gymnastics 3 & 4

1st Portsmouth, 2nd Eastleigh, 3rd Rushmoor

### Gymnastics 5 & 6

1st Rushmoor, 2nd New Forest, 3rd Eastleigh

### Golf



**CAPTION:** Helen Turner, A Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball player, helps Kia Widdrington and Natalia Jevjed open the Youth Games, with Olympic mascot Wenlock also in attendance.



● Test Valley table tennis.



**FLYING THE FLAG:** England netballer Mia Ritchie and GB Goalball player Adam Knott help the open the Hampshire Youth Games on day one of the two-day event.



● Eastleigh & Winchester long jump.



● Eastleigh & Winchester long jump.



● Southampton boccia.

how many children were involved with the Games and the desire they showed to do their best.

"The Games gets better and better every year"

Chair of the Local Organising Committee, Anna Dawson, said: "In this very special year for sport we are absolutely delighted to be part of the School Games which give young people in our region an opportunity to showcase their sporting talent."

Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, Jeremy Hunt, said: "Through events like this we can inspire, enthuse and engage young people in sport."

Thousands of schools across the country have signed up to take part in local class v class and school v school competitions along with county wide sports festivals.

The flagship national Sainsbury's 2012 School Games event took place at the Olympic Park in May this year and saw 1,600 young people competing across 12 sports, in front of 35,000 spectators.

Over £128m of Lottery and Government funding is being invested to support the School Games over the next three years.

1st Rushmoor, 2nd Isle of Wight, 3rd Portsmouth

### Judo Light Weight Boys

1st Gosport, 2nd East Hampshire, =3rd Winchester & Fareham

### Judo Light Weight Girls

1st Gosport, 2nd Rushmoor, =3rd Portsmouth & Basingstoke & Deane

### Judo Heavy Weight Boys

1st Rushmoor, 2nd Fareham, =3rd Basingstoke & Deane & Portsmouth

### Judo Heavy Weight Girls

1st East Hampshire, 2nd Basingstoke & Deane, =3rd Fareham & Portsmouth

### Netball

1st East Hampshire, 2nd New Forest, 3rd Eastleigh

### Rounders 7 & 8

1st North Eastleigh & Winchester, 2nd Isle of Wight, 3rd Perins (East Hampshire)

### Rounders 9 & 10

1st Portsmouth, 2nd North Eastleigh & Winchester, 3rd Perins (East Hampshire)

### Squash 5 & 6

1st Eastleigh, 2nd Basingstoke & Deane, 3rd Test Valley

### Squash 7 & 8

1st Southampton, 2nd Eastleigh, 3rd Basingstoke & Deane

### Swimming

1st Southampton, 2nd Basingstoke & Deane, 3rd Portsmouth

### Table Tennis Boys

1st Portsmouth, 2nd Winchester, 3rd Portsmouth, 4th Winchester

### Table Tennis Girls

1st Portsmouth, 2nd Test Valley, 3rd Portsmouth, 4th Test Valley

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# 2012 Hampshire Youth Games +++ 2012 Hampshire Youth



● Eastleigh & Winchester basketball squad – bronze medallists.



● SE Winchester tennis squad – silver medallists.



● Test Valley show off their medals.



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2.20 FREEBETS.CO.UK FREE BETS  
CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICES'  
HURDLE (CLASS 4). £3,800 added 4YO  
PLUS 2m 1f Penalty Value £2,469.

1	202-21	BATTLECAT (25) (D) E Williams 5 11 5	A Wedge (3)
2	4-1	CAPE EXPRESS (IRE) (F29) N Henderson 7 11 5	D Bass (3)
3	3-21	SUD PACIFIQUE (IRE) (22) (D) D McCain 4 11 2C	Whillans (6)
4	/20-05	HOORFTIME (IRE) (10) F O'Brien 5 10 12	T Bellamy (5)
5	02000/	THOMAS BELL (IRE) (497) J G O'Shea 8 10 12	J Wall (8)
6	3F-5	VINTAGE TEA (15) R Woolcott 5 10 12	James Best
7		AKSOUN (IRE) (F388) M Blake 4 10 9	C Cannon
8		DIAMOND VISION (IRE) (25) C J Gray 4 10 9	M Nolan (5)
9	43-	SHALLOON (IRE) (130) (BF) J P Ferguson 4 10 9J	Quinlan (3)
10	6-0	CABO ROCHE (21) J Bradley 5 10 5	C Wallis
11	0-F0	QUEENSWOOD BAY (21) K Bailey 6 10 5	E Cooke (6)
12	036-65	RITA SPEAK (5) J Spearing 5 10 5	L Edwards
13	U4-	PRINCESSE FLEUR (F26) M Scudamore 4 10 2	J Kingston
14	PU	WATCH THE BIRDIE (IRE) (35) F O'Brien 4 10 2	Ciaran McKee (5)

BETTING: 9-4 Shalloon, 11-4 Cape Express, 10-3 Sud Pacifique, 7-2 Battlecat, 16-1 Aksoun, 33-1 Queenswood Bay, Vintage Tea, Princesse Fleur, Hourftime, 50-1 others.

2.50 FREEBETS.CO.UK NOVICES'  
HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 5). £3,300  
added 4YO PLUS 2m 1f Penalty Value  
£2,144.

1	/43F-5	TEN POLE TUDOR (368) M Scudamore 7 11 12T	Scudamore
2	30-40	CERCA TROVA (IRE) (9) P Stafford (IRE) 6 11 11M	B Nolan (7)
3	313-36	BAY CENTRAL (IRE) (12) (C) E Williams 8 11 11M	B Browne (10)
4	F320-6	MR BACHSTER (IRE) (40) V Dartnall 7 11 10	D O'Regan
5	6004-2	WILLARD (43) A Carroll 6 11 8	L Edwards (3)
6	64P-2	TACKSWOP (IRE) (17) M Mullineux 8 11 8	S Quinlan
7	/0540-	CAPRICORNUS (USA) (198) T Vaughan 5 11 7	Michael Byrne (5)
8	4040P-	WEYBRIDGE LIGHT (267) Jim Best 7 11 7	A P McCoy
9	0P0-52	RED WHISPER (30) B Summers 8 11 5	C Wallis (5)
10	/600-0	MI MAN SAM (IRE) (32) G Jones 7 11 0	D Bass (3)
11	/033-5	THE LEMONPIE (GER) (36) B Powell 7 10 12	B J Powell (5)
12	300-6	DUNEEN DREAM (USA) (40) Mrs N Evans 7 10 9	J Mogford
13	P050-0	GIVE A LOT (23) Miss E England 8 10 8	C Poste
14	560-4	CHILWORTH LASS (IRE) (17) Miss S West 4 10 8M	Goldstein (3)
15	000P-P	LORD WHEATHILL (10) Mrs L Williamson 5 10 5	J Moore
16	U06-0	MISEFI (26) M Bosley 4 10 2	C Wallis (5)

BETTING: 4-1 Willard, 9-2 Red Whisper, 11-2 Mr Bachster, 7-1 The Lemonpie, 10-1 Chilworth Lass, Bay Central, Ten Pole Tudor, 12-1 Tackswop, 14-1 others.

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## Sunday's runners

added 5YO PLUS 2m 5f 110yds Penalty  
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1	232-11	STONETHROWER (IRE) (14) (D) T Vaughan 7 11 12	Michael Byrne (5)
2	236-F4	BRIMLEY (40) Mrs A Price 9 10 12	L Stephens
3	1P2-54	GAMBO (IRE) (24) E Williams 8 10 12	P Moloney
4	P3P-P	OUR JOSEPH (IRE) (32) B Barr 6 10 12	G Sheehan (7)
5	36P12-	POLISKY (FR) (63) (D)(BF) P Nicholls 5 10 12	D Jacob
6	1P02-0	RED NOT BLUE (IRE) (37) S Earle 9 10 12	A Thornton
7	54-04	ROSES LEGEND (24) (C) R Brown 7 10 12	Mr P John (7)

BETTING: 11-8 Polisky, 5-2 Stonethrower, 3-1 Red Not Blue, 6-1 Gambo, 33-1 Roses Legend, 100-1 Brimley, Or Joseph.

4.50 HEREFORDSHIRE AND WYE VALLEY  
LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 1)  
(CLASS 4). £4,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m  
1f Penalty Value £2,599.

1	1515-P	THE TIDDLY TADPOLE (31) (D) S G West 7 11 12	F Keniry
2	663-32	XENOPHON (10) (D) B Powell 4 11 7	J Banks (7)
3	030-40	DELLA SUN (FR) (34) (D) A Whitehead 6 11 7	J Banks (7)
4	503-20	DORMOUSE (22) (D) Mrs A Murphy 7 11 6	J Banks (7)
5	1034-	DUBAWI DANCER (76) (D) Jim Best 4 11 5	S Thomas
6	11U4-6	AVISO (GER) (F29) P Evans 8 11 4	S Thomas
7	0314-6	KAYFTON PETE (24) M Scudamore 6 11 2	S Thomas
8	2R3-63	LE CORVEE (IRE) (20) (D) A Carroll 10 10 11	L Edwards (3)
9	24F5-	ISHISMART (82) R Hollishead 8 10 4	P Moloney
10	500-60	PRIEST FIELD (IRE) (32) (CD) C Nenadich 8 10 0	Nathan Cook (7)

BETTING: 6-1 Dubawi Dancer, 7-1 Xenophon, 10-1 Ishismart, 14-1 Kayfton Pete, 16-1 Aviso, 20-1 The Tiddy Tadpole, Dormouse, 25-1 Priest Field, Della Sun, Le Corvee.

5.20 HEREFORDSHIRE AND WYE VALLEY  
LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 2)  
(CLASS 4). £4,000 added 4YO PLUS 2m  
1f Penalty Value £2,599.

1	1U6-	DUBAWI PHANTOM (226) (BF) J P Ferguson 5 11 12J	Quinlan (3)
2	52P-P3	ALL THAT REMAINS (IRE) (15) (D)(BF) B Ellison 7 11 11	D O'Regan
3	2230-6	DANCEWITHTHEDEVIL (IRE) (24) (C)(D) B J Llewellyn 11 11 11	R Johnson
4	4522P-	PICOT DE SAY (185) (D) Mrs A Clarke 10 11 9	R Johnson
5	5240-0	BIG ROBERT (22) (C) M Sheppard 8 11 8	C Poste
6	20413-	ERDELI (IRE) (230) T Vaughan 8 11 6	Michael Byrne (5)
7	22640-	SOCIETY VENUE (601) M Scudamore 7 11 5	J Kingston (3)
8	3351-0	TAMARILLO GROVE (IRE) (40) (D) Mrs S Leech 5 10 13	C Wallis (5)
9	12FP-P	WALLS WAY (21) A Carroll 8 10 4	L Edwards (3)

BETTING: 7-4 Dubawi Phantom, 9-2 All That Remains, Erdeli, 10-1 Tamarillo Grove, 12-1 Dancewiththeevil, Big Robert, 14-1 Society Venue, Picot de Say, Walls Way.

5.50 HARTWELL HEREFORD FORD  
PEUGEOT FIAT NISSAN HANDICAP  
CHASE (CLASS 5). £3,600 added 5YO  
PLUS 2m Penalty Value £2,339.

1	11-211	BLUE HILLS (13) (D) D Bridgwater 11 12 0	T Phelan
2	63F22-	RIDDLEOFTHESANDS (IRE) (89) (D)(BF) N Twiston-Davies 8 11	Cawley
3	00UP-0	THISMESFORGODD (IRE) (23) P Stafford (IRE) 9 11 9	A P
4	FP3/4-	BEHERAYN (418) (D) C J Gray 9 11 7	M G Nolan (7)
5	6P41-2	MAIZY MISSILE (IRE) (51) (D) Mrs M Evans 10 11 4P	Moloney
6	PP4-55	TYUP POMPEY (IRE) (10) (CD) Mrs A Price 11 11 4L	Stephens
7	433-B6	MOLKO JACK (FR) (42) (D) M Mullineux 8 11 3	A Thornton
8	451-0P	MY CONDOR (IRE) (14) (D) F O'Brien 11 11 2Mr	N Slater (7)
9	2165-4	THE GREY ONE (IRE) (10) (D) J Bradley 9 10 8	C Wallis (5)
10	512-65	GAINSBOROUGH'S ART (IRE) (21) (C)(D) H Chisman 7 10 2D	Hiskett (7)
11	06-401	MAD PROFESSOR (IRE) (14) (D) J Cornwall 9 10 2J	Cornwall (5)
12	3465-	WESTERN PRIDE (81) (D) R J Price 9 10 0	A Wedge (3)
13	4-304P	RINCE DONN (IRE) (10) (D) F Barton 10 10 0Mr	N De Boinville (7)

BETTING: 13-9 Blue Hills, 11-2 Mad Professor, 6-1 Riddleofthesands, 8-1 Maizy Missile, 10-1 The Grey One, 14-1 My Condor, 16-1 Molko Jack, Tyup Pompey, 20-1 others.

## Sunday's runners

## PONTEFRAC

Going: Good to Soft

2.10 BRITISH STALLION STUDS E.B.F.  
TOTEPLACEPOT MAIDEN FILLIES'  
STAKES (CLASS 5). £6,000 added 2YO  
only 6f Penalty Value £3,881.

1	64	ART MISTRESS (IRE) (15) T Easterby 9 0	K Fallon 5
2	3	BALINKA (9) M Brittain 9 0	P McDonald 11
3		BONDESIRE D O'Meara 9 0	D Tudhope 8
4		CHLOE'S DREAM (IRE) Mrs B Duffield 9 0	S De Sousa 4
5	303	FANTACISE (11) B Meehan 9 0	R Winston 1
6	365	INCHY COO (9) T Easterby 9 0	G Gibbons 2
7	40	LINCOLNROSE (IRE) (19) A McCabe 9 0	Makin 6
8	2	MOLLYVATOR (IRE) (29) Mrs K Burke 9 0	Martin Harley 3
9		SKIDBY MILL (IRE) J J Quinn 9 0	M O'Connell 10
10	60	STRASBOURG PLACE (29) N Tinkler 9 0	P Makin 6
11	46	TUSSIE MUSSIE (22) M Johnston 9 0	Fanning 12
12		VIDA ETERNA (IRE) O Pears 9 0	T Eaves 9

BETTING: 3-1 Fantacise, 7-2 Mollyvator, 5-1 Art Mistress, 8-1 Balinka, 10-1 Tussie Mussie, 14-1 Inchy Co, Bondesire, Skidby Mill, 16-1 others.

2.40 TOTEEXACTA FILLIES' HANDICAP  
(CLASS 5). £4,500 added 3YO PLUS  
1m Penalty Value £2,911.

1	002-00	SONG OF THE SIREN (22) D O'Meara 4 10 0	D Tudhope 7
2	-33106	WISEMAN'S DIAMOND (USA) (23) (CD) P Midgley 7 9 10	M Fenton 9
3	023100	WOTEVA (15) (D) N Tinkler 6 9 9	Eva Moscrop (7) 10
4	150-22	SILLY GILLY (IRE) (17) (D) R Barr 8 9 8	S B Kelly (5) 5
5	4-5604	MEANDMYSHADOW (11) A Brown 4 9 7	R Winston 2
6	50-000	GOLDENVELL (IRE) (15) R Fahey 4 9 4	P Hanagan 1
7	105-12	HAWAIIAN STORM (IS) (D) Mrs K Burke 3 9 4M	McCauley (3) 3
8	060-12	KATHALINO (25) (D)(BF) M Hammond 5 9 2Katy	Harrison 8
9	10-651	LADY ADVOCATE (IRE) (11) (D) T Easterby 3 8 8	Fentim 12
10	-5F046	AMERICAN LOVER (FR) (43) J Wainwright 5 8 9	P Aspell 13
11	4-656	WHATSOFFUNNY (IRE) (33) (BF) Mrs R Carr 3 8 5P	McDonald 4
12	0-2440	DANSILI DUTCH (IRE) (27) A Crook 3 8 5	F Norton 6
13	655-60	MISS ELLA JADE (23) R M Whitaker 3 7 13	P M Quinn 11

BETTING: 4-1 Kathalino, 9-2 Silly Gilly, 5-1 Whatsoffunny, 8-1 Lady Advocate, 10-1 Hawaiian Storm, Wiseman's Diamond, 12-1 Woteva, Goldenveil, 14-1 others.

3.20 PAT SHUTLER HANDICAP CHASE  
(CLASS 5). £3,600 added 5YO PLUS 2m  
5f 110yds Penalty Value £2,339.

1	0501-1	TIN POT MAN (IRE) (28) E Williams 6 11 12	P Moloney
2	/P4PP-	SUN LAFF (IRE) (97) Karl Thornton (IRE) 8 11 12T	J O'Brien
3	21234-	MARKED MAN (IRE) (90) (C) R Lee 16 11 10	J Greenall (5)
4	62-411	THEMANFROMRAAM (32) (C)(D) Mrs S Johnson 10 11 9	R Johnson
5	4/66-4	THE GRIFTER (54) B Ryall 10 11 3	D Crose
6	/0F-63	CRIME DONT PAY (IRE) (17) P Webber 8 11 2	S P Jones
7	/114-4	LANSDOWNE PRINCESS (21) (D) G Ham 10 11 1A	Thornton
8	636P-5	BE ASHORED (34) T Vaughan 7 10 13	R Killoran
9	UPUP-5	LEGENDS LASS (14) (D) Mrs J Mason 10 10 13Mr	P Mason (7)
10	00PF-3	QUE VIVO (FR) (21) A Whiting 8 10 11	N Schollfield
11	330/06	SHINDIG (14) C Kellett 10 10 5	M Grant
12	P2-233	JOLIBOB (IRE) (14) C Longsdon 10 10 3	F de Gille
13	00U0-3	BALLYBOUGH GORTA (IRE) (40) P Bowen 5 10 3	J Moore
14	35PP-P	GRENOLI (FR) (14) J Cornwall 10 10 0	J Cornwall (5)

BETTING: 3-1 Themanfromraam, 9-2 Tin Pot Man, 5-1 Jolilob, 10-1 Crime Dont Pay, Ballybough Gorta, 12-1 Que Vivo, The Grifter, Marked Man, 14-1 others.

3.50 REG BROWN 91ST BIRTHDAY MARES'  
HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 4). £3,800  
added 4YO PLUS 2m 4f Penalty Value  
£2,469.

1	162-02	YOUNG MAGS (IRE) (24) F O'Brien 5 11 12	P Brennan
2	511U6-	SILVER LILY (IRE) (77) Mrs S Humphrey 10 11 12M	Marris (10)
3	30-31	ROLLINROLLINROLLIN (IRE) (21) Jonjo O'Neill 6 11 9A	P McCoy
4	FU1-41	MUNLOCHY BAY (21) (CD) M Sheppard 8 11 8	C Poste
5	300P-0	FIRST BEAUTY (IRE) (17) (D) J Flint 8 11 7	D Fahy
6	50412-	BLOWING A HOOLIE (IRE) (76) Mrs S Leech 4 11 6P	Moloney
7	1P5-45	ACCORDINGTOELEEN (IRE) (21) (D) F O'Brien 7 10 6	Charles
8	00-034	ANOTHER KATE (IRE) (10) (CD) D M Richards 8 11 3	Greene (7)
9	-21330	MY VIKING BAY (IRE) (14) J G O'Shea 8 11 0	R J Williams (7)
10	406-	OAK LEAVES (F32) Mrs N Evans 5 10 11	R Kirk (5)
11	322F-5	SENDINPOST (20) (BF) Miss V Williams 9 10 9	R Kirk (5)
12	231/12	STRAVITA (18) (BF) H Morrison 8 10 5	B J Powell (5)
13	662-25	TITCH STRIDER (IRE) (10) J Parvett 7 10 2	Conor O'Farrell

BETTING: 11-4 Rollinrollinrollin, 5-1 Munlochy Bay, 13-2 Stravita, 8-1 Young Mags, 10-1 Sendinpost, 12-1 Another Kate, Titch Strider, Accordingtoeleen, Blowing A Hoolie, 16-1 others.

4.20 WARREN 'GOAT' MORGAN MEMORIAL  
NOVICES' CHASE (CLASS 4). £5,000

## DESCARO (USA) (13) (CD) D O'Meara 6 8 9

DESCARO (USA) (13) (CD) D O'Meara 6 8 9 . S De Sousa 10  
BLACKSTONE VEGAS (13) (C) D Shaw 6 8 9 . J Fanning 11  
CARNAC (IRE) (7) A McCabe 6 8 5 . S De Sousa 10

BETTING: 7-2 Veloce, 5-1 French Hollow, 11-2 Orsippus, 7-1 Blackstone Vegas, 8-1 Mojolika, L Frank Baum, 10-1 Mr Crystal, 14-1 My Arch, Descaro, 16-1 others.

4.40 BET TOTEPOOL ON ALL UK RACING  
MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,500  
added 3YO only 1m 4f Penalty Value  
£2,911.

1	422-04	BADEA (11) R Fahey 9 3	T Hamilton 2
2		CRYSTAL MONARCH (IRE) Sir H Cecil 9 3	T Queally 5
3	00	JOYFUL MOTIVE (11) T Tale 9 3	M Fenton 4
4	02	MASHAARI (IRE) (16) J Gosden 9 3	P Hanagan 6
5	32	SWANNY (IRE) (11) W Haggas 9 3	P Hanagan 6
6	0000-0	IBERIAN ROCK (34) A Brown 8 12	W Buick 1

BETTING: 4-6 Mashaari, 11-4 Swynnor, 6-1 Crystal Monarch, 12-1 Badea, 33-1 Joyful Motive, 100-1 Iberian Rock.

5.10 BET TOTEPOOL ON ALL IRISH  
RACING HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £4,500  
added 3YO only 6f Penalty Value  
£2,911.

1	1-5221	DANCHEUR (IRE) (19) (D) Mrs K Burke 9 7	Martin Harley 6
2	32-0	ANTON CHIGURH (36) T Dascombe 9 7	R Kingscott 12
3	331-00	INDEGO BLUES (18) (D) D Nicholls 9 6	A Nicholls 11
4	131203	SPEEDY YAKI (IRE) (34) D Loughnane 9 5	P Hanagan 8
5	51-600	BYRONIC HERO (IRE) (34) J O'Keefe 9 5	P Hanagan 5
6	40-000	HOT SUGAR (USA) (20) K Ryan 9 4	P Makin 4
7	4310-0	COMMACHNE (10) B Smart 9 3	T Eaves 2
8	643	DOLLY DIVA (23) P Midgley 8 11	M Fenton 3
9	000-13	DREAM WALKER (FR) (10) (D)(BF) J McInnes 8 11P	M Mears 1
10	26-063	STAR CITY (IRE) (17) M Dods 8 10	P Mulrennan 9
11	2000-2	PREMIER CHOICE (30) (BF) T Easterby 8 10	K Fallon 13
12	0-0646	VITE (IRE) (6) D C Griffiths 8 9	T Eaves 10
13	006-60	ONLY A ROUND (IRE) (34) M Hammond 8 2	N Farley (5) 7

BETTING: 7-2 Dancheur, 4-1 Premier Choice, 6-1 Dream Walker, 7-1 Star City, 8-1 Anton Chigurh, 10-1 Speedy Yaki, 12-1 Indego Blues, 14-1 Dolly Diva, Hot Sugar, 20-1 others.

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SAEED bin Suroor's team received a welcome boost when Colour Vision triumphed at Royal Ascot and fellow stayer LOST IN THE MOMENT is taken to keep the bandwagon rolling at Pontefract.

Bin Suroor failed to fire in the first half of the season, but there have been sparks of life about his runners in recent days and his Gold Cup victory should have restored some confidence for the trainer.

Lost In The Moment boasts some excellent snippets of form from last term, not least his head second behind fellow Godolphin runner Opinion Poll in the Goodwood Cup.

He may have subsequently disappointed when favourite for the Ebor, but a luckless fourth in an Ascot Group Three in October was enough to persuade connections to let him have a crack at the Melbourne Cup.

The five-year-old was no match for Dunaden, but a three-length sixth can hardly be considered a letdown.

That run also came at the end of a long year as Lost In The Moment started his campaign in January in Dubai, so it really was a highly creditable effort.

Lost In The Moment was given a nice break before returning to action at Lingfield in May, finishing a six-length fourth over an inadequate trip of 10 furlongs.

He should be expected to come on for that outing and for a step up to a longer trip here.

With Bin Suroor's horses seemingly back in form, Lost In The Moment must have an excellent chance in the totepool Pontefract Castle Stakes.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS  
GOWRAN: 2.15 His Excellency, 2.45 Thomas Edison, 3.15 In The Well, 3.45 He's Our Man, 4.15 Moigen, 4.45 Big Bluff, 5.15 Bit Of Crack.

HEREFORD: 2.20 Cape Express, 2.50 Willard, 3.20 Que Vivo, 3.50 Munlochy Bay, 4.20 Polisky, 4.50 Dubawi Dancer, 5.20 Dubawi Phantom, 5.50 The Grey One.

HEXHAM: 2.00 Solway Legend, 2.30 Captain Scarlett, 3.00 Russian War, 3.30 Well Green, 4.00 Hathamore, 4.30 Momkinzain, 5.00 Silver Speech.